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Political muscle needed to fight anti-soccer bigotry

Consider this line-up . . .

Benko - Giampa, Esposito, Crikis, Fasala - Sieben, Stachewicz, Stellios - Pignone, Kabbas, Kelevitz.

Ethnic enough to be an Australian soccer team? You bet. And if it were a soccer team, which it is not, that I suspect is how it would be dismissed by the core of Australian sporting society.

Eleven more ethnics pretending to be Australian playing that singularly non-Australian game whose biggest virtue has been its promise, nauseatingly unfilled since its revolution over a quarter of a century ago.

The eleven names, of course, belong to eleven Australian Olympians, representing this country at Los Angeles in sports as varied as fencing, shooting, swimming, weightlifting and wrestling.

As such there is no evidence of hostility to the non-Anglo-south of names.

Dean Lukin, for instance, went into the Olympic Games as the towering strength of Australian weightlifting; the man they said who would bring Australia long-awaited gold in a sport opened wide by the absence of the Soviet lifters.

The army of Aussie commentators in LA failed unanimously to once point out that Lukin, by origin, is a Croat, as is Bill Stellios a Greek and Greg Benko a Hungarian.

Of course, in the context of the Olympic Games, Lukin's Croatian origin is quite beside the point and one should have no objection to the fact that he's so readily accepted by Australian sport as "one of us".

But I suspect his success may have something to do with that acceptance, as had been the case with so many successful Australian sportsmen in the past. And one must suspect also that, if he were a soccer



LES MURRAY

player, the affection would not be so readily forthcoming.

Evidence abounds, day in and day out, of the anti-soccer phobia rampant in Australian sports thinking, a phobia which I believe Australian soccer must find itself ready at all costs to right.

On a recent Sydney radio talk-back program one caller presumed to express dismay at the lack of coverage planned for Olympic soccer in the Australian media.

He was dismissed with the reply: "Well, with all due respect to soccer, hoh, hoh, there are some sports a lot more important in the Olympics than soccer, blah, blah, blah."

The poor man was cut off before he could retort that, hang on a minute, the soccer final, with its 103,000 seats, was the first event to be sold out at the games and that within days of release, American sports fans had gobbled up half a million reserved soccer tickets.

I watched carefully, and like most soccer people with trepidation, how the performances of the Soccerroos were being treated by the general sports populace during the June international series.

And they had plenty to talk about; meals were made of the NSL player ban, the Clayton's Manches-

ter United squad, the poorly crowds in Brisbane, the lack of prizemoney etc, etc, etc.

But precious little was said of the spirit with which the Australians resisted celebrated foreign opposition - teams which would, less than 20 years ago, have given Australia a spanking whether they were on holiday or not.

The distance with which the Australian sports fan, unconverted to soccer, views our game is of course just one of many handicaps with which soccer in this country is congenitally afflicted.

We are not only a developing soccer nation, but one that tries to develop in the face of a towering wall of resistance from within, a wall that does not confront the Kuwaitis, the Algerians, the Camerouns and the Chinas.

Part of that wall is of course the scatterbrain political makeup of our soccer itself, about which much has been said and ought to be said before unity and harmony can be found.

But even if political sanity were to be discovered, and all other afflictions were to be cured, soccer from within cannot seriously expect to find a remedy for the bigotry that comes from without.

Not that soccer hasn't tried. The attempts to do away with foreign club names,

the bizarre scheme to re-baptise the clubs with childish nicknames and Walt Disney emblems were all made to redress the game in a more acceptably Australian guise.

But such attempts, far from making the game more legitimate, make it illegitimate, crudely bastardising a sport which, like most other sports in this country, has a proper foundation in the lifestyle of its migrants.

And of course we now know that, however wise such moves may have seemed from strictly an amoral point of view, even commercially they have not worked.

My own argument is that, such attempts having been made and found wanting, it is time soccer faced its lot as an underdog sport and fought that lot with more vigour and, if you like, even bitterness.

And to fight that fight soccer needs to look more at political muscle and agile lobbying.

The forthcoming exchange between the Soccerroos and China is a foot in the door where that political muscle is concerned and no energy should be spared to pounce on an opportunity to get on side with the federal government.

Such governments should be made aware of the realities of life - those realities being that soccer, in addition to being an ethnic vote-getter - is the universal sport, like metric is the universal mode of measure, and in an increasingly shrinking world no society can exist without making a decent, even State-inspired, attempt to be good at it.

It's all fine, for instance, to win the America's Cup but the big apple is the World Cup, the soccer World Cup and I'm not sure if our politicians are aware of it.

To put it more succinctly, soccer in its present state is no commercial proposition and where commercial sponsors won't help it, governments should.

That is unless a sports version of a Professor Blainey discovers first that the emergence of a foreign game creates disharmony within Australian society.

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Boggi wins fight for 'Roo greats

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Former national coach Tony Boggi has achieved his aim of having Australia's greatest Soccerroos afforded the respect they deserve.

Boggi, who coached Australia in 1975, complained on TV two weeks ago that former idols like Peter Wilson, Jimmy Rooney, Jimmy Mackay, and John Nyskohus weren't even invited to the recent international series.

"These players are being ignored, whereas they should be presented to the public at such events, to establish symbols for the kids to look up to, and to help generate publicity for the sport," Boggi said.

"Imagine Beckenbauer, Pele or Facchetti being ignored in their countries. It just would not happen. The red carpet would be rolled out for them."

Sam Pappasavas, a member of the ASF's World Cup committee, and chairman of the National Soccer League, has supported Boggi's call.

"I will take action at the next ASF meeting to see that this sort of thing is not repeated," Pappasavas said.

"It's a great pity that people like Peter Wilson and Jack Reilly are out of the game altogether. They should be given every encouragement to stay in the game, and official

recognition of their feats, like Tony Boggi has suggested, could only help to foster their continued involvement.

"We'll also make a point of involving the great players of the past at any big events staged by the National League. We'll invite them to finals, for example, and introduce them to the crowds."

Boggi reiterated this week that the achievements of Australia's 1974 World Cup side in particular, should be glorified at big events.

"People forget how great an achievement that was, and we forget that Peter Wilson for example, worked in a coal mine in Wollongong, then drove 100 miles or more to go to training, and drove back home again afterwards. Where do we see such dedication today?"

"But there are other great players of the past - Ray Baartz, Johnny Warren, Col Curran, Atti Abonyi, Peter Ollerott, Adrian Alston, Ray Richards, Harry Williams, to name just a few."

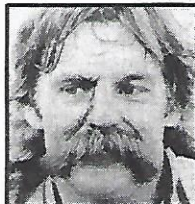
Without it coming from Boggi himself, how about recognition for former coaches as well - Vlasits, Rasic, Scheinflug, Boggi . . .



Toni Boggi



Sam Pappasavas



Peter Wilson

Macleod to miss match of year

The scene is set for what promises to be the match of the year, between National Conference leader Heidelberg-Alexander, and second-placed Melbourne Croatia at Olympic Park on Sunday.

And in the Australian Conference, Silvio Demanuelle, Vedran Rozic and Zeljko Jurin will continue to delight the fans of Melita Eagles and Sydney Croatia in clashes with Newcastle-Rosebud and Wollongong respectively.

Demanuelle, the Floriana star who had been injured for so long since joining Melita Eagles, scored the equaliser in a 1-1 draw with Marconi last Sunday, while the influence of Rozic and Jurin has pointed Sydney Croatia towards a possible place in the top five.

But all roads lead to Olympic Park for the most monumental battle so far this season.

How will Melbourne Croatia coach Tony Vrzina accommodate all the stars at his disposal?

Will Yakka Banovic, the man who went to Derby County for \$130,000 and who's back with Croatia again, dis-



• The Melbourne Croatia bench last Sunday: Tommy Cumming, Tony Vrzina (coach), Duje Zomunik (assistant coach) and the \$130,000 man, Yakka Banovic.

place Peter Blasby in goal?

How will Vrzina fit Tommy Cumming back into the team after Cumming's absence due to suspension last Sunday?

Will Jimmy Campbell make room for Cumming even though Campbell scored against Macedonia?

Then there's George Hannah who was left out after playing so well all season, and Keith Adam who made a strong comeback in the youth team.

Croatia is undefeated in 13 successive games now, including Cup matches, but can its abundance of goalscorers (Brogan, Markovic, Gojevic, Cumming, Antolovic, Campbell, Bliskic) break through Heidelberg's indomitable defence?

Unfortunately for Heidelberg, it will have to do without its fearsome stopper Don Macleod who has to serve a two-week suspension.

Joe Angele is likely to come in as stopper, Mike Valentine probably will move to left back, Scott Patterson to left midfield, and Paul Tzintzis should come in to join Steve Winn and Stuart Stevenson up front.

If only because of Macleod's absence, Croatia looks to be the red-hot favorite, as defenders Peter Lewis, Shaun Parrott, Tony Curcio and Drago Deakovic are playing faultless soccer.

But Heidelberg has a trump card against whom Croatia may be powerless if he has a good day. His name is Mike Petersen and if he plays well, he could pave the way for a victory which would increase Heidelberg's lead at the top.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Indoor series for television, Qld. teams should merge



RICKY ROSSO

Queensland's two NSL teams will have to merge if the State hopes to maintain a representation in the national competition.

Neither the interest nor the resources in Brisbane are presently sufficient to justify the costs of the league supporting two Queensland teams.

But to axe the State completely from the National League would be to form a narrowly-based elitist competition that never could survive.

If the league is to be restructured next year, and it surely must as the present format is cumbersome, then NSL administrators must turn their backs on traditional European ideals and move into the eighties.

In any restructuring of the national competition several key factors must be held uppermost.

1. The National League's appeal is that it spans so many States. That feature should never be lost.
2. The size of the country rules that any national competition must be in two divisions. Divisions must be made along geographical lines, therefore Brisbane must be grouped with Sydney and Melbourne with Adelaide. Two Twelve-team divisions, playing two rounds home and away is ideal.
3. The development of a fast, high-scoring indoor competition is vital for soccer to break into commercial television.
4. For full-strength top overseas teams to tour Australia they can come here only in the northern off-season — June-July. Such tours are vital to attract "outsiders" to local soccer and therefore we must condition ourselves to a mid-season break — preferably no more than two weeks.
5. The national coach should have the opportunity to watch players outside of their club sides before selecting his team for the international series. That means interstate games must be played prior to June-July.

With those points in mind, a format along the following lines could be adopted:

- Indoor league: 4 weeks, February to March.
- National league first round: 11 weeks, March to mid-May.
- Interstate matches: two weekends, end of May.
- International series: two weeks, June.
- National League second round: 11 weeks, mid June to August.
- National League finals: September.

While the format is easy to come up with, fitting it to the present NSL clubs is a little more difficult. But it can be done with a little compromise from various parties.

This is how it would work:

The indoor league is vital to the profitable development of Australian soccer.

What our administrators must do is play the television game. Give them a product the public will want to watch.

That product undoubtedly is indoor soccer along the lines of the highly successful "soccer six" now played in England.

If the indoor game is to become a television hit, soccer will be in a powerful bargaining position to get the commercial stations to telecast the outside game.

I would propose a competition of eight teams in two groups. The eight teams would be picked from the 24 NSL clubs along the lines: GROUP A: Brisbane, New South Wales (drawn from the non-Sydney and outer Sydney teams), Sydney blue and Sydney white (being teams picked from the other Sydney NSL clubs), GROUP B: Adelaide, Australian Capital Territory, Melbourne Blue and Melbourne White (similarly being teams picked from the Melbourne NSL sides).

Each team would play the others in its group twice. Matches would be double-headers on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons. Most matches would be played in Melbourne and Sydney, therefore reducing travelling costs, although one Group "A" round would be played in Brisbane and a Group "B" round in Adelaide.

Three weeks would allow the preliminary matches to be played, after which the top two teams in each group could play off in the finals on the fourth weekend.

The National League competition would start immediately afterwards and would consist of two 12-team divisions - North and South.

The North Division would be the 11 New South Wales teams plus the combined Brisbane team.

The South Division would be the eight Victorian teams, the two Adelaide sides, Canberra and a Tasmanian or possibly another Adelaide club.

They would play a 22-match home and away season, split by four weeks.

Two of the mid-season weekends would be for interstate games incorporating the eight States (including the ACT). The four matches could be drawn so they are played on different days over the two weekends, allowing the national coach to see every game.

The international series would then be staged over the following fortnight.

The second round of the National League would follow the international series. The season would culminate in a top-five play-off not unlike the scheduled to be used this season.

To combat the cost of air fares and maximise crowds, the National Soccer League once again is in the process of formulating a new league format for 1985. On these pages, "Soccer Action" experts put forward their suggestions, and analyse the causes of soccer's dilemmas.

The National Soccer League and indeed, soccer in general, is in crisis. It is a crisis whose roots are so diverse that it would take a major thesis to categorise and analyse them, much less come up with a viable solution.

What is most distressing is that many of the "solutions" have been tried and they have failed: the establishment of an elite National League and the quest for rich sponsorship, for example: the ill-fated flirtation with U.S.-style "marketing" and razzamatazz; the ill-advised cow-towing to xenophobia through Big-Brother suppression of traditional club identities.

And some of the root causes of the crisis are irreversible. One such cause was the proliferation of clubs throughout the suburbs. In the late fifties and early sixties, when we had few clubs in the minor ranks, we did have comparatively huge crowds at State League matches between such giants as SM-Hellas, George Cross, Juventus, J.U.S.T., Yugal, Sydney Croatia, Pan Hellenic, APLA and Melita Eagles. Sure, the migration boom made those large crowds possible, and the crowds diminished more or less in proportion to the migration cut-back. But just as significantly, the crowds were dispersed among the many new clubs that sprang up on the outskirts of Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Brisbane. Every time a group of Greeks, Italians, Maltese or Yugoslavs started their own little club, they became test to Hellas, Juventus, APLA etc. It would have been much more sensible for these groups to start new teams within the established clubs. That of course, is still possible.

We want to address ourselves, however, to solutions rather than causes.

The NSL is at the moment, concerned with the same thing. Hence, its quest for a new league format which will keep costs at a minimum, crowds at a maximum and make stability more than a one-season ingredient.

Some of the suggestions so far put forward are retention of the present format; relocation of the Brisbane teams to the northern conference, establishment of an elite First Division and a Second Division including Adelaide, Brisbane, Wollongong, Newcastle, Canberra and the lower teams from Sydney and Melbourne (suggested by SM-Hellas); a reduction in numbers to allow for one league only (as we had in 1977 when the NSL was formed); and a return to State-based leagues, with play-offs for the national championship at the end of the season.

None of these alternatives would have been put forward had the league managed to keep the Phillips Industries sponsorship with which it started in 1977 or replaced it with new sponsorship. Neither would new formats have been explored had the crowds of 1977-78 and even 79 had been maintained.

The fact is, clubs are not able to meet the high costs involved in travelling interstate and paying high players' wages in the absence of adequate income through the gate.

Let's look first at income and wages. It's often said that poor ground facilities restrict attendances. This is true, I think, of only a few clubs. There are many with good facilities (Brisbane Lions, St. George, Budapest, Sydney City Hakoah, Adelaide City Juventus, Canberra Arrows, Brisbane City) which still cannot command the desired numbers at the gate. The undeniable fact is that only a handful of clubs can, in the best of circumstances, pull in the fans. SM-Hellas has been doing so, although even that great club has been experiencing a reduction in support; Sydney Olympic can bring in the crowds, APLA potentially can do so.

State leagues, Super Cup and player wage policy



LAURIE SCHWAB

Melbourne and Sydney Croatia also have potential; Melita Eagles and George Cross in particular have a good reservoir of Maltese fans on which to draw. Juventus of Melbourne could, conceivably, pull in a respectable crowd through consistent success on the pitch; WA-Hellas could do it with a winning team; Marconi proved in the past that with the right players, it can motivate the Italian fans in Sydney's western suburbs. Even when these clubs have low crowds, then those crowds still are much higher than those of Blacktown, Penrith, Wollongong, Green Gully, Brisbane Lions, St. George, Hakoah, etc.

The painful fact is that so many of the clubs able to do well on the field of play, cannot and will not do well at the turnstiles. Some have alternative income, in the form of social club subsidies, but both St. George and Hakoah have seen those subsidies reduced drastically. And so to wages. If it is accepted that every cent of income is like the proverbial needle in a haystack, then it is nothing short of insane to spend gigantically more on players than is received at the turnstiles.

A hard and fast income policy is of paramount importance to keep the clubs from getting into deeper strife. It is futile to argue in advance that ambitious clubs will contravene any incomes accord by paying players "under the counter", for if the clubs are willing to show solidarity in formulating a new league format to the good of all, then surely they should be willing to carry that same solidarity over into more fundamental solutions.

A simple income policy could be tied loosely to the total income through the gates of all league matches on a typical weekend, divided by the number of clubs.

That would have to be halved, as a club has to live for two weeks from each home game.

Alarmingly, the figure we are left with according to income from the NSL round of July 28-29, is about \$1000 per club. Divide that by 14 players a team (only two substitutes are allowed), and you get a wage of \$111 each, whereas most players earn at least twice that at the moment!

This obviously would be deemed too little by the players and it could be argued that if players receive less money, they will perform accordingly. On the other hand, the absence of any form of income policy across the board, will continue to sink clubs deeper into financial gloom.

The income, if it doesn't have to be as stringent as my suggested formula, but it must be hard and fast and it must apply to all clubs, to prevent a player transferring solely for the purpose of getting more money.

Similarly, transfer fees have to be regulated, with a maximum price set for players of various categories — under 18s, players with more than 100 NSL appearances, over 30s, established internationals and so on.

Armed with a system of financial control, clubs would be able to plan for the future instead of being concerned only with the team that goes on the field today or next week.

In considering a new league format it is, I believe, imperative that ways are found to harness the potential support spread through the suburbs among all those smaller clubs for they represent a vast reservoir of spectators who, for the moment, are purely parochial in their outlook.

In VFL football, for example, a supporter of a local club still will go to a VFL game. That is not the case in soccer. It is essential that Hellas, for example, establish strong ties with other Greek clubs like Caulfield, Western Suburbs, South Oakleigh, Clarinda, Mordialloc etc. Letter-boxing of selected areas, offering free admission on a particular day would prove beneficial in establishing new support.

The presence of big-name overseas players also is essential to the well-being of the NSL and such players would, of course, be exempt from the income accord, for by definition, command much higher fees, put it down to capital investment, if you like.

Establishment of in-club publicity and public relations machines is long overdue. The same applies at league level, where facts and figures about soccer's numerical strength and the media bias against the sport should be compiled as part of a comprehensive submission to newspaper editors, TV and radio executives, in a quest for a fair share of exposure.

Another problem in soccer is that it is run by volunteers for no financial return. Ownership of clubs by individuals or groups of individuals who stand to reap dividends from profits should, perhaps be investigated, although in the present climate it would take the entrepreneurial expertise of a Kerry Packer or a Michael Edgley to make a profit from soccer.

Nevertheless, it is true that the best player running soccer at the moment, will be increasingly more difficult to replace, because the men we have now have been there for a long time and many of them are survivors of the 1960s boom years. Their successors have not experienced such euphoria, they cannot feel the same about the game's traditions and their interest, unfortunately, may prove to be only fleeting.

In considering a new NSL format, let's look first at the argument that

only the upper echelon of the elite clubs should make up the NSL. It has been claimed that in Melbourne, the Greek supporters for example, will come out to watch Sydney Hakoah or St. George — because of their players and their reputations — rather than George Cross, Green Gully or Juventus, for example. If that, indeed, is true, then it is only true for the moment, for it follows that if Hakoah and St. George experience a lasting slump (St. George is on a down-turn at the moment), we'll be back to square one.

The suggestion about having a second division made up of cities other than Melbourne and Sydney, plus the minor clubs from the latter, two is a formula for financial disaster because such a league would incur the lion's share of travelling costs and attract the least number of fans.

Ideally, I would like to see a system of State-based leagues, with national play-offs at the end of the season. These leagues would comprise only the strongest available clubs (including the present NSL clubs), they would be administered by committees elected by those clubs and only they and no other leagues would play on Sundays. I also would like to see a national Cup competition, with an open draw. In early rounds, it would be possible to have Marconi playing against Gosford, or SM-Hellas against Yallourn, and only when one team is left in each State, would interstate travel be necessary. Under a unified, national umbrella, it may be possible to get rich sponsorship for Australian soccer as a whole. Such a system, with promotion and relegation, would help motivate every club in Australia.

But as this is not possible, according to the NSL's determination to keep its competition completely separate, it is necessary to find an alternative to a truly national network.

Having scrapped a straight home-and-away, one-league system after trying it for seven years, we're now unable to go back to it even if we wanted to, because we would have to accommodate 24 teams whose total air fares would be astronomical.

Another solution that tries to make the present league clubs fit in with the geography of Australia while ignoring State-based leagues as the best alternative, will continue to experience problems.

But with that sort of logic forced on us, I would stick with the present format which, after all, has been given only a year to work. A year is no time at all when you're trying to get the public used to something completely new. The payment of affiliation fees at the start of the season, rather than in instalments, would adequately cover the cost of the inter-conference challenge rounds.

If that isn't possible either, and if air fares are the main criteria for change, then you have to relocate the two Brisbane teams in the Australian Conference (northern region) and bring four new clubs into the National Conference (southern region) to lift the numbers there to 14 — the same number as in the north. Ideally, you'd add one club from Adelaide and three from Melbourne (air fares, again). That solution, obviously, would be fought by the Victorian Soccer Federation in particular, as it would lose another three of its best clubs.

That solution, or the retention of the status quo do however, loop up the only viable ones in the present climate, albeit that climate is not at all attractive.

A 12-club NSL made up of only the very best would be attractive, sure enough, but it would involve the league itself throwing the other 12 clubs out the door and purely in terms of votes, that would not happen, so we might as well forget it. Alternatively, the 12 left out would have a National second division, but it would not be able to attract travelling costs.

The new league format is expected to be announced in September.

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Holland v. 'Roos

Argentina and Holland have agreed to send their Olympic selections to the Merlion Cup tournament in Singapore, which will be contested in Singapore between October 14 and 21.

With the senior Socceroos engaged in China at that time, the Singapore federation claims that an under-23 selection is to defend the trophy Australia won for a second time last year.

If so, the young Australians will have a difficult task in front of them, for both Argentina and Holland will be eager to gain some consolation for not reaching the Olympic finals in the United States, as will the always powerful South Koreans.

The exact composition of the 16 team competition has yet to be finalised, however.

The Merlion Cup, named after Singapore's national emblem — a mythical creature between a lion and a lion, offers prize money of 30,000 Singapore dollars to the winners and \$10,000 for the runners up.

Even if the young 'Roos do not reach the final, they will not be out of pocket, for the FA of Singapore pays return air fares, accommodation and food expenses and a daily allowance to all members of visiting teams.

— PAUL MOON

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LET'S HAVE BEST 12

Forget about maintaining the national flavor of the National League. We should be in the business of maintaining an elite, a league of such a high standard that it provides a great spectacle and gives every non-member club in NSW, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania, the ACT and the northern NSW something to aspire to.

Playing standard is the thing that NSL and ASF bosses should be most concerned with. Indeed, it should concern everyone with a stake in the improvement of the code in this country.

I propose for 1985, a one-league national competition, a league of 12 clubs, made up of the top six in the 1984 Australian Conference and the top six in the 1984 National Conference.

I propose that the concept of protecting clubs, like Wollongong, Newcastle, Rosebud and Canberra, which represent so-called development areas, be scrapped.

This concept, which states that such clubs have to finish last in their league for two years running, in order to be relegated, makes a mockery of the promotion and relegation issue, an issue which I believe is vital to the running of a successful national competition. And forget about whether or not we can keep Adelaide or Brisbane clubs in the competition. Let's simply look at their results. If they are good enough they'll stay in a national competition. If not, stiff.

For goodness sake, all we've been doing by protecting clubs since 1977 is forgetting the essential element of soccer, which is about one team playing another team and the result of that contest. Believe me, no matter how much bullshit goes on off the field, when it comes to the crunch, soccer always has been and hopefully will be, about winning and losing.

Let's look at one of the concepts that made Geoffrey Blainey famous. No, not Asian immigration, but the tyranny of distance, because the geography of this land is the bane of all national competitions.

Okay, so I've proposed one 12-club league for next year. That means 12 league games, 11 home and 11 away. That's a fair bit of travelling. Let's assume that the NSL hasn't got sponsorship for next year. Right. I suggest that all 12 member clubs cough up \$20,000 for travel before a ball is kicked in anger in 1985. Make the clubs aware of this requirement before the end of the current



By CRAIG MACKENZIE

season. If any club which finishes in the top six in either conference, can't come up with the money, offer its place to the 7th finisher, then 8th finisher, and so on until that vacancy is filled.

A one-month, mid-season break is a must. And that break should be exclusively used to stage an international tournament involving the national team.

The NSL and ASF should be the joint organisers of such a tournament. Profit percentages should be a matter of consensus between the NSL and ASF bosses, but let the NSL have the larger slice of the cake, to subsidise travel costs. Contrary to Peter Sheehan's belief, money can be made by staging such a tournament. The most financial federation in Australia, the VSF, has made money by bringing overseas teams here throughout the 1970s and 80s. Why can't the NSL and ASF do likewise?

I propose a two-up, two-down system of promotion and relegation. The eight federations which make up the ASF — NSW, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, Tasmania, Western Australia, the ACT and Northern NSW should be allowed to enter one applicant each in an end-of-season tournament to decide the two clubs which will win promotion to the following season's NSL.

The tournament, for economic and geographical reasons, should involve two groups each of four teams, playing in different venues — one in Sydney, the other in Adelaide. The Sydney tournament should involve the clubs representing NSW, Queensland, the ACT, and northern NSW. The Adelaide tournament should involve the clubs representing Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania. The tournament should be run on a round-robin basis, which would allow it to take up just one week — a double header on a Sunday, a double header on the Wednesday, and the final double header on the following Sunday. The group winners at the end of the tournament are promoted to the NSL.

The share of gate takings from such tournaments should favor the travelling teams and the tournaments should be held under the jurisdiction of the respective federations of South Australia and NSW.

That's provided that a Western Australian club is represented in the proposed South Australian-based promotion tournament. For a club from the west should be capable of fulfilling a most

important added financial burden for the right to participate in the NSL.

Spearwood Dalmatinac, which plays in the West Australian State League, last year made a bold bid for inclusion in this year's NSL. Dalmatinac's impressive application including meeting the travel costs of clubs to and from Adelaide and Perth. Economics and geography make such an added financial burden a must for West Australian clubs.

Should no West Australian club be able to fulfil such a criterion, then the promotion tournament in the south should be held in Melbourne, the most central location to the remaining three participants and the VSF should run such a tournament. Should there be no Tasmanian representative, then the Victorian and South Australian representatives simply would play each other on a home and away basis.

The best teams in Australia must play in what should be the best league in Australia. Quality must be preserved, over and above the sham of maintaining the league's national flavor, something that the league never really has had anyway. Rather, the league has had a distinctively South-eastern Australian flavor.

Imagine that, under my proposals, we end up with an NSL involving just clubs from Sydney and Melbourne. So what? Such clubs will be there because they are the best. That always has been the criterion for advancement in soccer. It should be no different in this country.

The National Cup is a clumsy, unprofitable competition. Scrap it.

Replace it with a League Cup competition, involving the top five finishers in the league. Obviously, such a competition must be run at the end of the league season. And by involving the top five clubs of an elite, 12-club league we'd maintain interest in the league competition probably right down to the final hurdle as clubs vie for a top five finish while others strive to avoid relegation.

Clubs relegated from the NSL must be given a place in the highest competition run by their respective state federations. That's going to involve these federations in league restructuring, but nevertheless, it must be done.

NSL clubs should strive for three things — to win the championship, to win the League Cup and to avoid relegation.

The NSL champion should be recognised as the most consistent club side in Australia. The League Cup winner should be recognised as the Cup king of Australia. And every club which maintains its status should be fully aware that it is privileged to play in the finest standard of club soccer in this country. A competition which involves the best players in Australia, and a competition where winning and losing can be a life or death situation for the participants.



A section of the article on Alan Davidson by "Soccer Journal" in Japan

Japanese hero: that's Davidson

Alan Davidson is gaining much attention in Japan.

Davidson, of course, is half Japanese, his mother being a native of Hiroshima, and perhaps soccer fans in the Land of the Rising Sun are hoping the Soccerero will provide them with some reflected glory, as their own national team is currently going through a distinctly lean period.

Japan's leading football magazine, "Soccer Journal", devoted a three-page article to him in a recent edition.

The article detailed Davidson's career to date, his background and possible future in European professional football. "Soccer Journal" expressed the wish he would end up in West Germany, where Bayern Munich offered him a contract last year, for Japan already has two players — Yasukido Okudera (Werder Bremen) and Kuzuo Ozaki (Arminia Bielefeld) engaged in the Bundesliga, and would obviously relish the chance to claim two and a half!

The Japanese, then, will be following the exploits of the Soccerero with added interest during the World Cup qualifiers.

What Bob Hawke intends to do improving Australia — Chinese soccer links, Alan Davidson has already achieved for those between Australia and Japan.

— PAUL MOON

Boss Chinaglia!

NEW YORK — Warner Communications has announced that it has concluded a deal to sell a controlling interest in the Cosmos to Giorgio Chinaglia, the club's former star striker, who had been negotiating the purchase since early June.

No financial details were disclosed, but, according to those who have followed the negotiations, Warner, which is retaining an interest of about 40 percent, will receive no payment.

The sources said Chinaglia and a group of associated investors would acquire their 60 percent interest by providing an unspecified amount of working capital to the club, which never has shown a profit and which lost an estimated \$5 million last year.

The purchase by Chinaglia, who in eight seasons with the Cosmos became the top scorer in the history of the North American Soccer League, marked the second time in a year that he had bought a major soccer team he once played for.

Last summer he retired from the Cosmos to buy Lazio, the Rome club for which he had starred before joining the Cosmos in 1976.

Chinaglia, for all his enthusiasm, may have his work cut out for him. After a brief boom period in the late 1970s, professional soccer has been in decline in the United States, and nowhere is that more apparent than with the Cosmos.

Home attendance, which peaked at an average of 47,856 fans a game in 1978, the year after the club had moved to Giants Stadium, declined to 27,242 in 1983, even though the Cosmos finished first in regular-season play for the sixth year in a row.

Tasmania and Gosford second division



By PETER DESIRA

For a league to be a league it must follow a simple home and away system in which all teams meet each other twice.

And a league cannot be national if Melbourne and Sydney teams are not matched against each other on a regular basis.

Given that premise, I believe the National League must get back to one division of 16 teams playing each other with the champion being first past the post — none of this footy — orientated preliminary and grand final stuff — and the two bottom-placed sides relegated automatically, regardless of their geographical base.

Green Gully president Guy Spiteri hit the nail on the head by saying that clubs should be told to put in \$30,000 to cover the air fares before a ball is kicked in anger.

That way only clubs able to cope with the financial rigors would stay in the running.

Given that there already are 24 clubs in the NSL, I believe the eight clubs left out should be given the option of starting an NSL second division on the same basis as the first.

It is understood that eight teams would not make for a very long season but that could be overcome by admitting — finally — a Tasmanian-based club and one from the outlying areas of either Victoria or NSW.

In NSW, Gosford immediately comes to mind.

In Victoria, it would be more difficult, seeing that the VSF would kick up hell, losing one more club only 12 short months after it changed its constitution to suit the new two-conference format of the NSL.

But the problems could be overcome by admitting, say, Morwell Falcons as a Launceston Valley Select, meaning it would be starting as a completely fresh outfit with its second or youth team competing in the State League.

Hellas did that without problems before and there is nothing to stop Morwell from doing it again.

The NSL must not and cannot pick and choose who to admit to the First Division

— it should depend solely on where the clubs finish.

If this system is implemented, clubs must be told as soon as possible — and no later than the end of this month — that where they finish this season will determine their status for next year.

The NSL's air fare bill would be enormous again but the league should tighten up, returning to one substitute per match and reducing the travelling teams to 13 people a game.

The two-substitute system originally was re-introduced to cover for goalkeeping injuries but all clubs without exception are naming two outfield players as substitutes, indicating that the furor over keepers was unwarranted.

All the highly-paid coaches in the NSL should shoulder responsibility for pre-match duties, like organising lunch for the players or writing out team sheets and handing it.

I understand Joe Gilroy is one who already does most of these duties for Brisbane City, thus reducing the need for a club official to travel with the team, leaving 12 players and the coach to travel to away games.

Scrap 'development' status, promote the Ampol Cup



By PETER SCOTT

Learned discourse about the shape, size and method of the National Soccer League as a competitive, as opposed to a political, entity is so much academical fluff.

Copying the well-known attitude of the ostrich by burying our heads in the face of reality will not advance the cause of Australian soccer by one centimetre.

Half a step was taken this year and will be completed in 1985 towards wiping out even a semblance of a National League, by regionalising the competition.

With the disappearance of the inter and intra-conference challenges in the new season the only difference between having two States Leagues and not having them will be the as yet far from unanimous acceptance of Brisbane and Adelaide Cups within the NSL framework.

In spite of the foregoing, we can assume that the NSL as a political entity will continue and this is perhaps to the benefit of our sport, providing the only apparent counterweight to the disastrous bureaucracy which the ASF has become under Sir Arthur George's overlong reign.

Not that the NSL administration is in such outstanding shape. With this in mind some immediate steps should be taken:

- Discontinue the so-called development status of several clubs. Eight years of special privileges are more than

enough and the tragic experiences of Newcastle, Canberra and Wollongong have all proved that this complacency-inducing categorisation does nothing for development. KB United collapsed, Canberra gets minuscule crowds and as for Wollongong, just have a good look at Towradgi Oval.

- Reduce the number of teams in the two regional leagues, starting with Brisbane and Adelaide — and continuing in Melbourne and Sydney, based on real achievements on the field, rather than illusory potential of it.

- Automatic relegation for the bottom team in each regional league.

- Full home-and-away competition in each league, allowing each club a fair chance to gain income from home matches and play in front of its own fans.

- First-past-the-post champions in each region, promoted as champions in their own rights and playing in leagues with appropriate and respected names indicating high status, rather than just regional contests.

- Play offs for the National

championship at year's end home-and-away by the two leagues' champions.

- Scrapping the NSL Cup which has been a disaster since its inception, with its fixed pairings, which had everything to do with air fares and nothing with soccer, and was reduced to the level of glorified trial matches in 1984.

- Re-establishment of the Ampol Cup, especially in NSW and Victoria, as pre-season competitions of a high standard open only to the top eight clubs and played on an exciting straight knock-out basis. For pre-season warmups let the clubs organise trial matches, instead of further reducing the standard and perception of what used to be an outstanding event on the soccer calendar, played at a time when fans are hungry for good games to attend.

Last, but not least, let's get some new blood, new thoughts, fresh ideas into the NSL and ASF administration. Without this vital evolution we again will be looking for cures next year, the year after, the year after that.



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Big fight for fifth!

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Seven teams are in the running for fifth place in the National Conference, but two games — Green Gully v J.U.S.T. and Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City — will determine which team holds fifth place next week.

Brisbane Lions, with Joe Cairney scoring regularly, meets Brisbane City, the team with which Cairney transferred. Lions are in the five at the moment, but should they drop even one point, they could be displaced.

Green Gully, with four successive wins, is poised in fifth place, waiting for Lions to slip up. But first, Gully will have to contend with J.U.S.T., whose position on the table is potentially much higher, as it still has a game against Canberra in hand.

Were it to win that game, J.U.S.T. now would be in fifth place on goal difference, ahead of Lions.

And should J.U.S.T. also beat Green Gully while Lions lost to Brisbane City, then J.U.S.T.'s position in the five would be quite secure.

Both J.U.S.T. and Green Gully should go into their clash at full strength, and J.U.S.T. no doubt will concentrate heavily on stopping Paul Lewis and Les Carter, while Green Gully will try to nullify Zdravko Lujic and Dragan Lacmanovic.

Green Gully coach Bobby McLachlan was sacked by J.U.S.T. early this year after J.U.S.T. had lost to Green Gully, and so McLachlan in particular, has something to prove in this encounter.

Makedonia is still within striking distance of the top five but its performance against Croatia last Sunday does not inspire confidence for the critical match against bottom-placed George Cross at Connor Reserve.

George Cross is fighting for its very life, and if it plays with as much commitment as it showed against Croatia a few weeks ago, it could gain at least a draw. Should Makedonia win, however, it could take only another week for it to shoulder in among the potential finalists. But it depends on whether Makedonia has a full team, as George Campbell and Graham Heys were shown the yellow card last Sunday. Still, Gordon Flavell is back now, and Zoran Illoski is waiting on the bench for another chance.

In the Australian Conference, Melita Eagles is two points clear of Penrith in fifth place and even if Eagles were to lose to Newcastle, they still would hold off Penrith on goal difference. Penrith has held Sydney Hakoah to two draws this year, but I doubt it can do likewise to Sydney Olympic.

B.U. Juventus beat South Melbourne Hellas early this year and they should stage another close tussle at Middle Park. John Yzendoorn is out of the Hellas team, and Carl Halford is in doubt, whereas John Dowie will resume for Juventus, having completed his suspension.

Juventus coach John Margaritis has a good record against Hellas, his former clubs and "the old fox" may just do another Marconi.

The two Adelaide clubs are pitted against each other in yet another local derby. Both are on 16 points — two away from fifth place — so they both have a lot to play for.

APIA and Marconi are pitted against each other in the Italian derby in Sydney, with APIA weakened by the suspension of Ian Gray. Marconi's

Youth leagues

VICTORIAN YOUTH LEAGUE:
Knox City 0 Sun. George Cross 6, Footscray 2 B.U. Juventus 0, Melbourne Croatia 2 Preston 0, Morwell Falcons 1 St. Melbourne 4, Nuna City 2 Frankston Pines 2.

STANDINGS	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
5th Melbourne	13	1	2	45	24	27
Footscray	12	1	2	36	14	25
B.U. Juventus	9	2	6	29	20	20
Heidelberg Utd.	9	1	4	39	12	19
Melb Croatia	8	3	5	25	15	19
Nuna City	7	3	6	28	33	17
Preston	5	5	5	18	19	15
Green Gully	5	2	7	24	20	14
Sun. George Cross	4	5	6	22	21	13
Morwell Falcons	2	4	11	19	31	8
Frankston Pines	2	4	10	19	37	7
Knox City	0	2	14	9	70	2

This Sunday's games:
Green Gully v Footscray J.U.S.T., Melbourne Croatia v Heidelberg United, Preston Makedonia v Sunshine-George Cross, South Melbourne Hellas v Brunswick Juventus, Frankston Pines v Knox City, Nunawading City v Morwell Falcons.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE: Newcastle 1 Blacktown 0, Leichhardt 4 St. George 4, Marconi 0 Melita 0, AIS 2 Penrith 0, Croatia 2 Sydney City 1, Wollongong 4 Sydney Olympic 3, Canberra 2 Penrith 1. POINTS: AIS 24, Leichhardt 22, Newcastle 22, Melita 21, Canberra 20, St. George 19, Blacktown 16, Sydney City 15, Sydney Olympic 13, Penrith 10, Croatia 10, Wollongong 9.

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	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH	12	6	1	48	13	30
APIA-LEICHHARDT	10	5	4	32	20	25
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	8	7	4	37	22	23
MARCONI	9	4	6	40	24	22
MELITA EAGLES	7	7	5	19	19	21
Penrith	6	7	6	22	29	19
St. George Budapest	5	7	7	27	19	17
Blacktown	6	5	8	27	31	17
Sydney Croatia	5	7	7	22	17	17
Canberra Arrows	7	1	10	30	28	15
Newcastle-Rosebud	6	2	11	21	42	14
Wollongong	3	4	12	14	42	10

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER	11	4	4	31	18	26
MELBOURNE CROATIA	10	5	4	32	20	25
STH MELB. HELLAS	10	3	6	32	16	23
B.U. JUVENTUS	8	4	7	23	32	20
BRISBANE LIONS	7	4	8	30	30	18
Green Gully	7	4	8	25	25	18
Brisbane City	7	4	8	15	21	18
Preston-Makedonia	6	4	9	30	29	16
Footscray JUST	6	4	8	19	19	16
West Adelaide Hellas	6	4	9	31	32	16
Adelaide City Juventus	6	4	9	20	22	16
Sunshine-George Cross	3	6	10	14	37	12

Sunday's NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:
Canberra Arrows v SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH at National Sports Centre 3pm.
APIA-LEICHHARDT v Marconi at Henson Park 3 pm.
MELITA EAGLES v Newcastle-Rosebud at Melita Stadium, 3 pm.
Penrith v SYDNEY OLYMPIC at Cook Park, 3 pm.
St. George Budapest v Blacktown (draw) at St. George Stadium, 3 pm.
SYDNEY CROATIA v Wollongong at King Tomislav Park, 3 pm.
Adelaide City Juventus v West Adelaide Hellas (draw) at Olympic Sports field, 2.30 pm.
Brisbane City v BRISBANE LIONS at Spencer Park, 3 pm.
Green Gully v Footscray JUST (draw) at Green Gully Reserve, 3 pm.
MELBOURNE CROATIA v Heidelberg-Alexander at Olympic Park, 3 pm.
Preston-Makedonia v Sunshine-George Cross (draw) at Connor Reserve, 3 pm.
South Melbourne Hellas v B.U. Juventus (draw) at Middle Park, 3 pm.

recent results however, have not been impressive, and with John Bradley and Arno Bertogna playing so well, you have to go for an APIA victory.

Canberra will miss Marko Perinovic and probably Frank Farina, so it stands virtually no chance of beating Sydney Hakoah even at its home ground, while St. George, with David Ratcliffe suspended, will have done well if it gains a point against Blacktown.

WADE CLOSES

Paul Wade of Green Gully has narrowed the gap at the top from 12 to six votes in the race for the Boral Bricks Player of the Year award.

Wade was named man of the match in Gully's 3-0 win over Canberra while the long-standing leader John Bradley failed to pick up any votes in APIA's last-minute win over St. George.

Anthony Franken also has made inroads on catching up with Bradley and now has 53 votes.

The biggest jumps up the standing were made by Kim Wishart of Brisbane City and Arno Bertogna of APIA.

Wishart moved into fifth spot on 45 votes, while Bertogna, best afield in the APIA match, is another four votes behind in eighth spot.

Top vote-getters:
09. Bradley (APIA)
63. Wade (GG)
53. Franken (Can)
49. McInch (Pen)
45. Wishart (BC)
42. Kosmina (S. Hak)
42. Williams (GG)
41. Bertogna (APIA)
40. Tredinnick (APIA)
39. Melita (AC)
38. McDowell (JUST)
37. Biskic (M. Cr)
36. Henderson (Marc)
Murphy (SMH), Yankos (Heid)
34. Jackson (BL), Wotherspoon (Pen).

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Top scorers:
15. Kosmina (S. Hak)
12. Brown (SMH)
10. Arnold (S. Cr), Bradley (APIA), Lowe (Marc)
9. Cairney (BL), Katholos (SO), Konstandopoulos (WA), Lewis (GG), Patterson (Heid), Winn (Heid)
8. Farina (Canb), Jankovics (Marc), McCulloch (Marc), Patikas (SO)
7. Brown (Marc), Daunt (BL), Fletcher (S. Hak), Gojevic (Mr Cr), Marton (St G).

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

APIA LEICHHARDT 3 (Caban 12th, Morsello 48th, Bertogna 90th) ST. GEORGE 2 (Slater pen 78th, Barton 80th) at Henson Park. Crowd: 1787. Ratings by Tony Raci:

APIA: Catlin 7 — Gray 8 (sent off 78th), Pullen 8, Bertogna 8, Brown 7 — Butler 8, De Ceglie 5, Tredinnick 5 — Caban 6, Bradley 6, Morsello 5. Coach: Fil Bottalico.

ST. GEORGE: Greedy 7 — Skeen 7, Ratcliffe 6 (sent off 52nd), Michael O'Shea 7, John O'Shea 7 — Barton 8, Stone 4, Ricco 5 (Batten 89th) — Petkovski 6, Kozak 5, Slater 7. Coach: Frank Ark.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Bertogna (A), 5. Pullen (AI), 4. Butler (AI), 3. Barton (SC), 2. John O'Shea (StG), 1. Skeen (StG).

MARCONI 1 (Brown 34th) MELITA EAGLES 1 (Demauele 81st) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1,325. Ratings by Alex Vesic:

MARCONI: James 8 — Carter 7, Mariani 8, Henderson 7, Rizzotto 7 — Spanos 6, Mason 7, Jankovics 7 — Lowe 6, Brown 5, Sharne 5. Coach: Les Scheinflug.

MELITA EAGLES: Hummel 7 — McAusland 7, McGinn 7, Wilson 6, H. Tredinnick 8 — Davies 7, Jamieson 5 (Laing 60th), 5. Farrugia 7 — Duarte 6, Demauele 5, McKie 5 (Allan 69th). Coach: Raul Blanco.

Best players for the Boral Bricks award: 6. Tredinnick (Mel), 5. Mariani (Marc), 4. James (Marc), 3. Mason (Marc), 2. McGinn (Mel), 1. Carter (Marc).

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED 2 (Todd 48th, 87th) BLACKTOWN 1 (Dunleavy 64th) at Adamstown Oval. Crowd: 1173. Ratings by Joe Lanzoni:

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED: Gosling 7 — Maier 8, Power 7, Owens 7, Thompson 6 — McQuarrie 6, Senkalski 6, Brandt 7 — Todd 8, Johns 7 (84th Kerby), Jones 6 (13th Milosevic). Coach: Willie Gallagher.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare 7 — Skellern 6, Wheatley 7, Dunleavy 7, Quarmby 7 — Thornthwaite 7, Byrne 8, Selvaige 7 — McLaughlin 7 (45th Larkin B), Sandy 7, O'Connor 6. Coach: Casey de Bruin.

BRISBANE LIONS 3 (Cairney 42nd, Daunt 65th, Anderson 72nd) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0 at Rightlands. Crowd: 567. Ratings by Ricky Rosso:

LIONS: Farrow 7, Jackson 7, Vasquez 8, Hunter 6 (Tonner 83rd), Niven 8, R. Stewart 7, J. Stewart 8, Anderson 7, McDonagh 6, Daunt 8, Cairney 8. Coach: Gordon Arrowsmith.

SUNSHINE: Costello 7, Bennett 7, Bain 6, Jovanovic 7, Taylor 6, Toal 6 (De Luca 93rd), McGonnan 7 (Rt. 79th), Scerri 6, Faulkner 7, McLaren 7, Laif 6. Coach: Billy Wilkinson.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. J. Stewart (BL), 5. Daunt (BL), 4. Cairney (BL), 3. Jovanovic (SGC), 2. Niven (BL), 1. Faulkner (SGC).

FOOTSCRAY JUST 0 BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 0 at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 2000 estimate. Ratings by Peter Desira:

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 8, Curovic 6, McDowell 9, Tansley 7, Hazabent 7, Karic 6, Belic 6, O'Donnell 6 (Paton 60th), Carroll 8, Lacmanovic 6, Lujic 7. Coach: Ceo Grkovic.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Martin 9; Geremia 8, Drincovsky 8, Brown 8, Swinscoe 7 (Manini 78th), Sgallam 6, Campbell 6, Zinni 7, Cullen 6, Ward 6. Coach: John Margaritis.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Martin (BJ), 5. McDowell (FJ), 4. Geremia (BJ), 3. Drincovsky (BJ), 2. Carroll (FJ), 1. Boland (FJ).

GREEN GULLY AJAX 3 (Lewis 44th & 47th, Carter 89th) CANBERRA ARROWS 0 at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 600. Ratings by Ken Kontra:

GREEN GULLY: Denys 7 — Smart 8, Cannell 8, McLelland 8, Hogben 7 — Wade 8, Vassallo 7, Williams 7 — McGuinness 7, Lewis 8, Carter 8. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

CANBERRA: Franken 8 — Mihalidis 8, Redmond 7, Ontong 7, Jones 7 (Harris 75th) — Serranti 8, Bryant 8, Brockbank 7 — Gibson 8, Farina (inj. Rele 18th), 6. Perenovic 6. Coach: Doug Collins.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Wade (GG), 5. Lewis (GG), 4. Carter (GG), 3. Jones (GG), 2. Jones (GG), 1. Jones (GG).

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Todd (NRU), 5. Maier (NRU), 4. Byrne (BC), 3. Larkin (BC), 2. Dunleavy (BC), 1. Gosling (NRU).

PENRITH CITY 0 BRISBANE CITY 0 at Cook Park. Crowd: 250. Ratings by Roger Shanks:

PENRITH CITY: Gibson 8 — Brogan 8, Daley 7, McIntosh 7, Cross 6 — Ainsworth 6, Hale 6 (Fitzarris 58th), Campbell 7 — Wotherspoon 6 (Hunter 58th), 7. Easthope 6, Jackson 7, Coach: Willie Wallace.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8 — Milovanovic 7, Bromfield 7, Perry 8, Liddell 7 — O'Maye 5, Swan 6, Pimblett 7 — Glockner 6 (Walsh 38th), 6. Hamilton 6, Fabrizio 6. Coach: Joe Gilroy.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Wishart (BL), 5. Gibson (P), 4. Perry (BL), 3. Campbell (P), 2. Pimblett (BL), 1. Daley (P).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 1 (O'Connor 26th) SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Arnold 39th) at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 2101. Ratings by Peter Scott:

HAKOAH: Pezzano 9 — Rodrigues 7, Robertson 5, O'Connor 6, De Marigny 6 — Kay 6, Watson 6, Barnes 7 (Gomez 46th), 7 — Lee 6, Kosmina 7, Fletcher 5 (Murray 71st). Coach: Eddie Thompson.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson 7 — Woods 7, Tomashich 7, Rozic 7, Steyer 7, Vidalic 7, Jurin 8, Savor 9 — Borgas 6, Arnold 8, Rezo 7. Coach: Harry Noon.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Pezzano (H), 5. Savor, 4. Jurin, 3. Arnold (All CI), 2. Kosmina (H), 1. Rozic (CI).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Kalanztis 10th & 31st, Patikas 77th) WOLLONGONG 0 at Pratten Park. Crowd about 2000. Ratings by Philips Micallef:

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Maier 7 — Rogers 7, Dakos 7, Coady 6, Jennings 7 — Theodorakopoulos 6 (Patikas 75th), Patikas 9, Raskopoulos 8 — Kalanztis 8, Soper 7, Katholos 7. Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

WOLLONGONG: Tilised 6 — Fleming 7, Vilestra 6, Dickson 7, Kerr 8 — Bundalo 7, Gaffney 6, Kotamandis 7, Hristovski 6 — Fontana 6 (Isedale 76th). Begg 7. Coach: Adrian Alston.

Best six for Boral Bricks player of the year award: 6. Patikas (SO), 5. Raskopoulos (SO), 4. Kerr (WL), 3. Kalanztis (SO), 2. Bundalo (WL), 1. Katholos (SO).

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 1 (Solomidis 40th) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 0 at Olympic Village. Crowd: about 1,500. Ratings by Craig MacKenzie:

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER: Oliver 8 — McKie 8, Macleod 9, Yankos 7, Angelle 7 — Petersen 6, Solomidis 7, Valintine 7 — Stevenson 7, Winn 7, Patterson 6. Coach: Brian Garvey.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS: McNally 8 — Shillabeer 7, Flounders 8, Nykhus 7, Tobin 7 — Melta 7, Maxwell 6, Gatenby 6 — Rankin 6, Mullen 6, Villani 6. Coach: Edmund Krett.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Macleod (H), 5. Oliver (Heid), 4. Flounders (AC), 3. McKie (Heid), 2. McNally (AC), 1. Solomidis (Heid).

MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (Campbell 8th, Antolovic 23rd, Gojevic 48th) PRESTON-MAKEDONIA 1 (Lucchesi 4th) at Olympic Park. Crowd: about 4000. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

CROATIA: Blasby 8 — Lewis 8, Curcio 8, Parton 8, Deankovic 8 — Biskic 7, Antolovic 7, Campbell 7 (Hannan 81st), Gojevic 7 — Markovac 8. Brogan 8. Coach: Tony Vrzina.

MAKEDONIA: Potter 7 — Petrovski 7 (Flavell 65th), Dobson 7, McMillan 7, Cpasini 7 — Heys 7, Dunn 6, Odzakovic 6, Campbell 8 — Cole 6, Lucchesi 6. Coach: Frank McAleer.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Brogan (Cr), 5. Markovac (Cr), 4. Lewis (Cr), 3. G. Campbell (Mak), 2. Deankovic (Cr), 1. Curcio (Cr).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 3 (Konstandopoulos 29', Malavazos 45', Panagis 84'), SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (Brown 33') at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd 740. Ratings by Frank Pangallo:

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul 8 — Papazoglou 7, McGachey 7, Hiern 7, Mousoulis 7 — Brown 7, Panagis 8, Manou 8, Papadopoulos 7 — Konstandopoulos 8, Malavazos 8. Coach: Sam Salapadidis.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 6 — Russell 6, Yzendoorn 6 (Klakis 62), Blair 6, Postecoglou 6 — Davidson 7, Crino 7, Murphy 6, Halford 6 (Alban 76th). Brown 6, Egan 6. Coach: Len McKendry.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Manou (WA), 5. Sproul (WA), 4. Panagis (WA), 3. Konstandopoulos (WA), 2. Malavazos (WA), 1. Sproul (WA).

Daring Croatia looking good

Peter Scott

SC - Hakoah 1
Syd - Croatia 1

Scorers: O'Connor (H) 26th, Arnold (C) 39th.
Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.
Crowd 2101.
Referee: Doug Rennie 8.
Champion-elect Hakoah went the way of all super

teams, managing to "get out of jail" even when having one of its ever so rare off days.

Croatia set out to implement a plan devised by coach Harry Noon and it almost netted his team two points in a life-and-death race against relegation. Unlike most other opponents of the feared blues Croatia did not concentrate on marking

Hakoah's strikers out of the game.
"Our main aim was to neutralise Watson and Kay in the midfield, knowing that without their effective prompting there wouldn't be so many opportunities for the Hakoah strikers," the wily coach said. Well, it worked almost to perfection — in fact, Hakoah never had one shot at goal in the second half — no small

Daunting!

Brisb. Lions 3
Geo. Cross 0

Scorers: Cairney 42nd, Daunt 65th, Anderson 72nd.
Venue: Richmond.
Crowd: 567.
Cautions: Daunt 75th.
Referee: Dave Nugent 9.

Much-maligned striker Calvin Daunt was highly praised by Sunshine George Cross coach Billy Wilkinson after spearheading Brisbane Lions to this 3-0 win.

Wilkinson went as far as to say he would even consider buying the Brisbane striker next season.

"He won everything in the air and was a very difficult player to contain. Lions play to their strengths and that boy is definitely one of their strengths. Everything is knocked into him and we failed to stop that," Wilkinson said. Daunt has had a chequered career at Richlands after being signed from amateur club Taringa more than six years ago.

Although a former national youth player, Daunt has until recently found it difficult to consolidate a place in the first team.

But after an indifferent start to the season he is back to his best form.

Daunt has formed a devastating attacking partnership with former Brisbane City striker Joe Cairney.

They have helped Lions score 10 goals in their past three games.

The pair, assisted up front by the skilful Jim McDonagh and speed merchant Clark Anderson, have given Lions an effective 4-2-4 formation that is proving difficult to counteract. Certainly George Cross failed to realise what confronted them and were often caught a man short at the back.

Lions are certainly not a pretty outfit to watch, but with the Stewart brothers John and Russell — running tirelessly in the middle, the side's workrate is compensating for an absence of flair.

The Stewarts are making good use of every bit of ball they win and that is why Lions have begun to climb the table.

George Cross although fielding a much stronger outfit to that which was beaten 4-2 by Lions five weeks ago, was seldom in the match.

McDonagh, Cairney and John Stewart went close before Cairney made the vital breakthrough three minutes before halftime.

George Cross raced out of their defensive third but were far too flat. And when Cairney won possession he simply strode through and had only Costello to beat.

The in-form Cairney easily rounded Costello and slotted the ball into the net for his ninth goal this season — and after being signed on a free transfer from Brisbane City, that surely must make him one of the buys of the year.

Although George Cross had been outplayed in the first half, Ossie Latif had a dream opportunity to equalise only five minutes after the break.

He dribbled into the penalty area and only had Roddy Vasquez to beat but lost the ball.

Don MacLaren also went close six minutes later when in a one on one with Lions keeper Rob Farrow, he shot over the top.

That was about the last positive contribution from MacLaren, who shortly after injured his knee and finished the game hobbling. MacLaren is to seek medical advice this week after fearing he had torn a cartilage.

Cairney and McDonagh went close before John Stewart forced a corner after yet another powerful run. Anderson curled the ball into the six-yard box where Daunt Rose unchallenged to simply nod the cross into the net.

Seven minutes later, Anderson took the initiative himself



Ricky Rosso

Man of the Match:
JOHN STEWART
(Brisbane Lions)

to put the result beyond doubt. He used his speed to race away from Taylor, and with Costello coming off his line, Anderson scooped his shot over the top and into the net.

'MAD' MARTIN — JUVE'S NEW CLOWN PRINCE

Foots JUST 0
B. Juventus 0

Venue: Schintler Reserve
Referee: Evan Venios 6
Cautions: McDowell (FJ), Lujic (FJ), Miranda (BJ)

Coach John Margaritis says George Martin is mad and on his performance at Schintler Reserve, Martin is the new clown prince of goalkeepers, succeeding Mike O'Hara of old.

Martin, a gaint of a man

whose entrance into the local soccer scene was delayed by a long hassle over his clearance from Rumania, provided some unusual antics but also turned out to be Juventus' saviour with an impossible save off Frank Geremia in the dying minutes.

But first let John Margaritis qualify his description of the goalie.

"He is crazy, he's mad and he'd probably kill anybody who gets in his way when he's trying to stop a goal."

"But we probably needed

somebody like that at the back to give the side a bit of confidence. He has been doing well at practice and it was only fair to give him a go."

"He is a bit bigger (!!) and stronger than Sean Keogh and his mental attitude is good," was how Margaritis justified Martin's selection.

Keogh did not play in the Youth game and was surprisingly all decked out in full goalkeeping gear although his name was not on the team-sheet.

If for nothing else, Martin justified his selection by flying across goal to palm away Geremia's misused header as the defender tried to clear a centre into the box.

"I felt sure the ball would go in — that goalkeeper was unbelievable," was how JUST coach Cedo Cirkovic described it.

Earlier Martin stopped play for around a minute as he needed attention to his groin after using that part of the body to make a most unorthodox save from and centre by Suleiman Curovic.

His kicking often let the team down although he clearly tried to explain to all and sundry with his antics — that he had some sort of complaint with his kicking foot.

But his throw-outs more than made up for the kicking and with no apparent difficulty he can send the ball well over the halfway line with his throws.

JUST did manage to get the ball past him in the 32nd minute when Zdravko Lujic slammed a shot which went in off the crossbar.

But referee Evan Venios disallowed the goal, claiming he had whistled for an infringement — on Lujic — seconds before the winger had his shot.

Cirkovic was unimpressed by the explanation, saying "He (the referee) punished Footsray, not Juventus with that decision."

Juventus was the better side in the opening 24 minutes but JUST grabbed a stranglehold of the match until the dramatic re-entrance of Richard Miranda into the Juve line-up midway through the second half.

Miranda had been included as an emergency substitute for Juventus because of the acute injury list at the club.

He was plunged into the game despite his lack of match fitness in a bid to win back a share of midfield.

His entrance brought a mini Juve revival and there were shots from Gary Ward, Savas Saglam and a free kick which Campbell bent round the wall, forcing Boland into a good save.

But there was nothing to compare with that last ditch effort from Footsray which forced Geremia, one of Juve's best players on the day, into that misjudged backheader which forced Martin into his brilliant save and rightfully earned him the tag as man of the match.

Man of the Match:
TONY PEZZANO
(SC-Hakoah)

feat against the highest scoring club in the NSL.
Eddie Thomson summed it all up perfectly in the dressing rooms: "Thank god it's all over. Now back to the drawing board."

Looking at the match overall it is difficult to accept that Croatia is on the brink of relegation — but for that we can "thank" ASF Marketing and its weird championship system this year.

They had the task ahead of them after a typically deceptive curling, floating free-kick from the right wing by Joe Watson lured Steve Watson off the line, leaving him helplessly stranded as Steve O'Connor steamed in to head the opening goal.

Almost immediately Croatia looked like getting even terms as Wally Savor put, Nello Borges through who netted, but was judged offside. It was a very close decision.

The well-deserved equaliser came 10 minutes later when the ever busy Savor found himself on the right wing, with plenty of time to send across a low cross.

Arnold hit is fiercely just six metres out and his first time shot was parried but only partially by the lightning fast reflexes of Tony Pezzano before dribbling over the line.

There were no more goals, and the young Hakoah goalie deserved his team-mates' post-match thanks, as he saved a valuable point for the Blues over and over again.

Wade all class, Farina injured

Green Gully 3
Canberra 0

Venue: Green Gully Reserve
Crowd: 600

Scorers: Lewis 44th & 47th, Carter 89th
Yellow Cards: Perinovic, Vassallo

Red Card: Perinovic 77th.

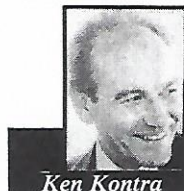
Referee: Jim Fearn 8

Canberra lost striker Frank Farina with a hamstring injury after only 18 minutes of play, and striker Marko Perinovic midway through the second half, following his late tackle on Dave Hogben.

Perinovic was cautioned in the first half, so referee Jim Fearn had no option but to show the red card.

At any rate, Green Gully played with so much confidence and purpose that it looked good for the two points right from the start.

Paul Wade was involved in everything, Paul Lewis was buzzing up forward, getting plenty of support from his striking partner Les Carter, and the Gully defence looked composed, with Kenny Smart slot-



Ken Kontra

ting well into his new position at right back.

Canberra on the other hand, while playing some delightful one-touch soccer in midfield, lacked penetration and never really threatened Lou Denys' goal.

Steve Bryant, Tom Sermanni and John Mihailidis in particular, did show some fine touches, but all their good work was spoiled by inaccuracy and lack of ideas when the build up reached the Gully's defensive third.

Paul Wade was a dominating player throughout the match. His excellent work rate, strong tackling and ability in the air never has been doubted, and now he has added a new dimension to his repertoire. He is more confident and thoughtful on the ball, consequently, his distribution has improved out of sight.

His inclusion in the national

Man of the Match:
PAUL WADE
(Green Gully)

team surely must be imminent. No doubt Frank Ark will give him the chance to prove his worth at international level. In my opinion, he is ready for it now!

Green Gully had to wait until the 44th minute before going to a deserved 1-0 lead.

David Hogben overlapped on the left and his cross was converted by Paul Lewis at his second attempt. His first shot was blocked by Franken but Lewis pounced on the rebound and booted the ball into the roof of the net from close range.

Two minutes into the second half Gully went further ahead through Lewis, who was certainly back to his brilliant best and proved to be quite a handful for central defenders Tony Redmond and Paul O'Long.

Wade's pass found Les Carter wide on the right and he knocked an early ball to Lewis lurking inside the penalty area. Lewis needed only two touches — one to break clear and one to beat Franken with an angled shot from 10 metres.

In the 75th minute coach Doug Collins substituted defender Roy Jones with Jim Harkins who went to the forward line, leaving a one-on-one situation at the back.

This was a brave move, particularly as Canberra was reduced to 10 men at that stage, following the early departure of Marko Perinovic.

In the 85th Lewis had a chance to score his hat-trick but delayed too long when facing Franken, allowing Redmond to recover and rob him of the ball with a fine tackle.

Just on full time, Paul Wade broke through the middle, drew a defender, then passed to the unmarked Les Carter who converted easily from five metres to give Green Gully a deserved 3-0 victory.



Peter Desira

Man of the Match:
GEORGE MARTIN
(BU Juventus)

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Kalantzis hits two, Patikas the star

Man of the Match:
JIM PATIKAS
(Syd. Olympic)

Syd. Olympic 3 Wollongong 0

Scorers: Kalantzis 10th & 31st, Patikas 77th.
Venue: Pratten Park.
Crowd: about 2000.
Referee: Ken Small 8.

Wollongong coach Adrian Alston tipped a great future for Jim Patikas after Patikas had helped crush Wollongong with a marvellous individual display.

Patikas's performance, may have helped restore morale to this gifted team whose inability to win the championship has been one of the biggest mysteries in Australia soccer.

"We lost to a better team and to a top player," Alston said afterwards. "Patikas is just terrific. He holds onto the ball a bit, but he keeps coming forward. He'll go places."

Chris Kalantzis made a spectacular return to Olympic's senior side by scoring two goals in this win. Kalantzis, who celebrated his 17th birthday only last Friday, scored goals in the 10th and 31st minutes and just missed with another two shots later in the game.

The brilliance shown by the youngster provided just the start Olympic needed to record its first win in three weeks.



Philip Micallef



Chris Kalantzis

Coach Manfred Schaefer said of Kalantzis: "He proved to be the match-winner, and his no-frills, tough style impressed me."

The Wollongong team had barely warmed up when the striker scored his first goal with a volley from 12 metres.

He capitalised on a defensive error 20 minutes later to beat Wolves right back John Fleming and tap his shot home.

While Wollongong played reasonably up front in the first 45 minutes, its defence was nothing short of terrible. However, astute use of the offside trap made it a much more solid side in the second half.

It was not until the 75th minute that replacement right winger Terry Patalis was able to extend Olympic's lead to 3-0.

After two of his teammates had mis-hit shots, Patalis slammed the ball off the left post and into the net from 10 metres.

Schaefer was extremely pleased with his team's timely win, saying that it easily could have scored another three or four goals.

Todd the hero, Owens in debut

N.-Rosebud 2 Blacktown 1

Scorers: 48th Todd (NR) 64th Dunleavy (BC) 87th Todd (NR)

Venue: Adamstown Oval

Cautions: 17th Sandy (BC) 71st Dunleavy (BC)

Referee: Jim Reeves

The decision of Willie Gallagher to reintroduce Derek Todd to the side after a few weeks' absence proved vital, and the diminutive striker celebrated his return with two well taken goals.

His combination with Andy Johns proved a continuous headache to the well-organised Blacktown defence.

After a mediocre first half



Joe Lanzoni

in which the only two things of note were a glaring missed chance by McLaughlin after Neville Power casually had misdirected a passback in the penalty area, and a good save by Hoare off a well-placed header by Simon Brandt, the second half was much more entertaining.

Todd broke the first-half stalemate early in the second period when he clearly chested a ball under pressure before beating Barry Hoard with a diagonal shot.

Blacktown, with the threat of relegation looming, showed plenty of spirit in its search for

the equaliser, spurred on by midfielders Gary Byrne and Stuart Selva, and the introduction of John Larkin at half time who gave the local defence no end of trouble.

Larkin came close to bringing the teams on level terms when he cracked a good shot on the run that Gosling did well to save but could not hold and just when the ball looked like entering the net Ralph Maier came out of the blue to clear the ball off the line.

However, it was only a matter of time and shortly afterwards from a corner by Byrne on the left, Chris Dunleavy found plenty of room inside the six yard box to calmly steer the ball home.

Larkin almost put the visitor ahead when a well directed header off a free kick shaved the upright.

When a draw looked the logical result rather unexpectedly Newcastle scored three minutes from the end.

Man of the Match:
DEREK TODD
(Newc.-Rosebud)

Bernard Kerby who had just replaced the injured Andy Johns, went for a run down the left and found Milosevic who handed it over to hard working Simon Brandt who had made a run for the near post, the midfielder drew Barry Hoare before lifting the ball over him to the unmarked Todd on the far post and Todd nodded the ball into an empty net for a memorable goal.

Gallagher was understandably elated after the game and was especially pleased about the performance of youth team player Neil Owens who had a good game in place of suspended Michael Boogaard. The young lad is a

good distributor from the back and it won't be long before he commands a regular berth.

The Demons' coach, Casey Debrun, understandably disappointed about the result, was critical of the refereeing of Jim Reeves and in particular of an incident in the Blacktown penalty area when Rod Shelton was felled by a swinging right arm after the defender was guilty of pulling the arm and jersey.

Reeves chose to ignore the incident (it was too obvious to be missed) but in fairness, if any action had to be taken it would have been a penalty to the Newcastle side and possible a send-off for the Newcastle forward for retaliation.

An interesting spectator at the match was the national and St. George coach Frank Arok (Newcastle is to meet St. George at the next home match) and I am sure that what Arok saw would not cause him to lose a great deal of sleep.

AND NOW — DRIVE-IN AS NEW CROATIA GROUND

Melb. Croatia 3 Makedonia 1

Scorers: 0-1 Lucchesi 4th; 1-1 Campbell 6th, 2-1 Antolovic 23rd, 3-1 Goejovic 43th.

Venue: Olympic Park.
Crowd: about 4000.

Referee: Stewart Mellings 9.

Cautions: Brogan (Cr), Hays (Mak), Campbell (Mak).

Melbourne Croatia and Makedonia have clashed five times this year, and Makedonia has won none of them. In the league, Croatia has beaten Makedonia 1-0 and 3-1 and drawn 2-2; in the National Cup Croatia won 2-1 and in the Buffalo Gold Cup, it won 3-0.

Croatia's attacking play in the first half last Sunday, and its neat defensive play in the



Laurie Schwab

second half marked this team as possibly the leading candidate for the National Conference championship, as Hellas slipped behind last Sunday by losing to West Adelaide.

But Croatia faces its biggest test this Sunday, when it takes on Conference leader Heidelberg-Alexander at Olympic Park.

And while aiming at the championship, Croatia also is planning its own home ground next year.

It has bought the old Sunshine drive-in theatre in Berkshire Road for \$150,000 and has just gained a MMBW planning permit to allow work to go ahead.

Jim Campbell made a triumphant return after a long lay-off due to injury by scoring the first goal against Makedonia on Sunday.

Campbell, bought from Heidelberg for \$22,000 earlier this year, played only six games before being injured in a 2-1 victory over Sydney Olympic in Sydney.

He returned to take the place of Tommy Cumming, who was suspended.

The goal-scoring prowess which has given Campbell 54 goals in the National League since 1977, was evident in the eighth minute of play when he shot through the legs of goalkeeper Steve Potter.

Makedonia gave Croatia a fright after only four minutes of play when Claude Lucchesi headed home a cross from Con Opasins.

Campbell got his goal after successive shots by David Brogan and Robert Markovac had been parried by Potter.

Campbell was on the spot to equalise and from that moment Croatia was always in command.

The victory strengthens Croatia's bid for the championship in only its first season in the NSL.

Its team-work was impeccable, especially in defence where Peter Lewis stood out. Up front, Brogan and his 17-year-old henchman Markovac

Man of the Match:
DAVID BROGAN
(Melb. Croatia)

emerged as the stars of the match.

Makedonia, after its 6-0 thrashing of Penrith the previous week, could have climbed into the top five with a good result but its mid-field duo of Robbie Dunn and Zarko Odzakov was ineffective.

Midfielder Jozo Antolovic shot Croatia into the lead from 15 metres with his third goal of the season.

Steve Goejovic contributed his first goal in four weeks and his seventh of the season to give Croatia a 3-1 lead three minutes after half-time.

Croatia goalkeeper Peter Blasby, under pressure from star recruit Yacka Banovic who was on the bench, was confident throughout the match and made some telling saves.



Zarko Odzakov (right) of Makedonia takes on Croatia's Jozo Antolovic (left) and Josip Biskic.



Makedonia's Robbie Dunn flies horizontally through the air but Croatia goalkeeper Peter Blasby has punched clear. No. 3 is Croatia's Shaun Parton. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

STEVE GLOCKNER INJURED

Penrith 0 Brisb. City 0

Venue: Cook Park

Brisbane city lost young centre-forward Stephen Glockner with a broken cheekbone during this draw with Penrith City at Cook Park.

Glockner, who represented Australia in last year's World Youth Championship, was injured very early in the match when he collided with Penrith striker David McIntosh.

Man of the Match:
KIM WISHART
(Brisbane City)

Glockner continued, but was replaced in the 37th minute, and a trip to hospital revealed a broken cheekbone.

His absence took a lot of the sting out of the Brisbane attack, although they came forward quickly and confidently.

Brisbane City had a strong chance after only 14 minutes when striker Luciano Fabrizio won the ball in a challenge with goalkeeper Mike Gibson but he shot high with only one Penrith defender guarding the goal.

Penrith came more into attack in the second half, and had their best chance after 63 minutes when striker Brian Jackson headed the ball just over the crossbar.

Six minutes later Brisbane City fullback Garry Bromfield made a strong run into the penalty area and shot

across the face of the goal but the fall narrowly missed the far post.

"Neither team deserved to win," Penrith Coach Willie Wallace said after the match.

"Our front line didn't chase the ball back enough, putting pressure on our mid-field and defence."

Brisbane City Coach Joe Gilroy said his side could have grabbed the two points.

"We created more chances than they did and the two points were there for the taking," Gilroy said.



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West strikers shock South

By FRANK PANGALLO

WA-Hellas 3 SM-Hellas 1

Scorers: Konstantopoulos 29, Brown 33, Malavazos 45, Panagis 84.
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Cautions: Manou (WA), Malavazos (WA) Zvendorn (SM).
Referee: Jim Rossis, 4.

West Adelaide Hellas caused the season's boil-over by beating league leader South Melbourne Hellas in sensational style at Hindmarsh Stadium.

South Melbourne, despite its technical superiority, never looked comfortable against the raw tenacity of West's youngsters.

South was too anxious, too sure of itself in the first half. Players were put under pressure by excessive short passing.

But it was in defence where South lost the game. Its defence failed to check West's two front-runners George Konstantopoulos and Nick Malavazos and both were able to punish South for its casualness.

And big Chris Manou, despite an uncharacteristic show of aggression, was magnificent in holding back the tide of South Melbourne flair that often threatened to overwhelm the inexperienced cheek of West.

Konstantopoulos opened the scoring after 29 minutes when he ran on to a long clearance by giant Manou and struck a ground shot under Laumets' body.

South, unmoved by the shock of being one down against Lowly opposition, was back on level terms when Doug Brown hammered a shot past Sprout from close range.

But things became heated among some of the players. Challenges were late and careless, elbows and fists flew with much regularity and shirt-tugging seemed the order of the day.

The worst incident came just before half time and in full view of referee Rossis. Manou harassed Alan Davidson all the way to the by-line, then let swing at Davidson. All Manou got was a yellow card!

Davidson himself committed a foul on Malavazos during the second half but Rossis chose to ignore it, too.

Malavazos shot West into the lead right on half time.

Again it was almost a repeat of the first goal with the South defence being caught on the break as Malavazos ran on to a long pass from midfielder John Panagis.

Kicking into the teeth of a strong breeze, West decided to pack its defence in the second half.

The final 45 minutes proved to be a frustrating time for South as it attempted to overcome a West team that had grown in confidence.

Sprout pulled off two great saves from Crino pildrivers. It was as close as South got as West booted any loose ball clear.

South's hope of grabbing at least a draw was dealt a blow in the game when John Zvendorn left the field with con-

Man of the Match: CHRIS MANOU (WA-Hellas)

cussion. Davidson, who with Crino, had menaced West through the middle, was switched to defence.

That left John Panagis to emerge from Davidson's shadow and he did it in devastating fashion.

Six minutes from the end he pounced on the ball, weaved past three defenders and fired a superb drive wide of Laumets.

It set the seal on West's first win since May 3 and gave it breathing space from relegation-bound Sunshine George Cross.

APIA 3 St. George 2

Scorers: St. George: Caban 12th, Morsello 48th, Bertogna 89th. St. George: Slater 78th pen, Barton 80th.

Sent-off: Ratcliffe (St. George) 52nd minute, Gray (Apia) 78th min.

Venue: Henson Park. Socceros David Ratcliffe and Ian Gray sent off, five thrilling goals, a last-minute winner and a highly entertaining and action-packed match...

That was the story of

Bergers want Christopoulos

Heidelberg 1 Adel. Juve 0

Score: Selemidis 40th
Venue: Olympic Village
Crowd: about 1,500
Cautions: Macleod (Patterson), Maxwell (Ad. Juve).
Referees: Sam Zoumas 6.

Heidelberg heads the hunt for championship of the National Conference but that's not enough for president Sam Gouloupoulos who already has his eyes fixed firmly on Canberra midfielder George Christopoulos for next season.

At a time when most clubs are consumed by the race for the title, the race for the top five or the fight to avoid relegation, Heidelberg wants to field an even stronger combination in 1985. That's where former Socceros midfielder Christopoulos comes in.

"We want Christopoulos for next year. That's definite. He's just what we need in midfield - a bit of bite," said Gouloupoulos.

"If they (Canberra) start asking \$25,000 or even \$20,000 for George, they'll never get a buyer. They've got to be realistic. And we've probably got to offload a player to be able to buy George Christopoulos."

All this took place as Heidelberg and Adelaide Juventus warmed up. Then it was into the action and what a gutsy, fighting performance we saw from the Heidelberg defence in the second half, as it protected a 1-0 lead built just before half time when captain Theo



Craig Mackenzie

I wonder if Gouloupoulos already has in mind the player to be axed to pay for Christopoulos.

Gouloupoulos was disclosing his interest in Christopoulos, a Heidelberg director approached us (obviously he'd overheard our conversation and told me that he (the director) would chip in \$5,000 toward the cost of getting Christopoulos.

Gouloupoulos smiled when I asked him how much he could chip in. "We've done alright out of our buying and selling over the past few years. We know what we're doing. Provided Canberra is reasonable, and George wants to join us, then he'll be playing for Heidelberg next year," said Gouloupoulos.

What can be said about Macleod is that he tackles as if his life depends on it, attacks the high balls ferociously, brings great roars of approval from Heidelberg fans when he

charges forward in possession and has much more close ball control and better dribbling skills than most give him credit for.

It's in the skill area that I've been critical of him in the past. I was wrong. He looks a damn sight more comfortable on the ball these days. Combine that with his unquenchable competitive thirst and you've got a bloody good National League stopper.

Jeff Olver also did his bit to keep Heidelberg at the top of the table. His save in the 59th minute was superb.

Neville Flounders, easily Adelaide Juventus's best, shot from just six metres but Olver reacted in a flash, getting down to parry, then gathering safely. Flounders followed in and clashed with Olver. Seconds later it was Charlie Yankos who Flounders had to contend with. The Socceros stopper wasn't exactly overjoyed at the challenge on Olver.

Once tempers cooled, Flounders finally got the ball into the Heidelberg net, courtesy of a soaring header, but Zoumas gave a free to the Victorians, after an Adelaide Juventus player had pushed an opponent.

Man of the Match: DON MACLEOD (Heidelberg)

Selemidis headed in at the near post from a Mike Valentine corner.

Adelaide Juventus was far more adventurous after half time but it was Heidelberg which went close to increasing its lead when striker Steve Winn turned superbly and cracked a hard, low drive toward goal. Only the fingertips of Willie McNally stopped the scoreboard attendant from springing into action in the 53rd minute.

You'd never describe Macleod as a cultured centre half; in fact there's no way we could print the description given of him by the Adelaide Juventus player who was flattened by a Macleod charge early in the second half. Referee Sam Zoumas booked Macleod. That signalled a period of play dominated by the Zoumas whistle. Scott Patterson and Steve Maxwell joined Macleod on the ref's undesirable list.

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situation, and allowed Saints back into the match when a chip from Slater found a Petkovski header screaming into goal.

Gray was on the goal-line and handled, saving brilliantly what would have been a certain goal.

Referee Warner sent Gray off as he had already cautioned him earlier in the game for a foul tackle.

Slater confidently converted the penalty and just two minutes later a defence-splitting pass found Barton lurking dangerously inside the penalty area.

Barton turned quickly, looked up, picked his spot and sharply fired home a well taken equaliser.

From then on St. George fell back into its first-half 'attitude', allowing APia back into the match.

But APia relaxed, as most teams seem to do when in this

Just four minutes later APia was heading towards its third goal when Butler broke away before being brought down heavily by Ratcliffe just outside the box.

Ratcliffe was cautioned, but he disagreed with referee Graham Warner's decision and Warner did not hesitate in bringing out the red card.

At this stage, with APia 2-0 ahead and St. George reduced to 10 men, it seemed St. George was heading for a big defeat.

But APia relaxed, as most teams seem to do when in this

Demanuele grabs a point

Marconi 1 Mel Eagles 1

Scorers: Brown 34th, Demanuele 81st
Venue: Marconi Stadium
Crowd: 1,325
Referee: Gary Power 7
Cautions: Henderson

Marconi and Melita shared the points at Marconi Stadium with Rod Brown and Silvio Demanuele scoring one goal apiece.

Rod Brown was on hand in the 34th minute to pick up the gift of his life when Chris Hummel, the Melita goalkeeper, tossed the ball in the direction of the Marconi striker believing that the referee had signalled for offside.

In fact, the whistle, which came from the grandstand and was aimed at stopping Brown in his tracks, served only as a means to detract from one of

the best goalkeeping seen from young Hummel.

Gary Power, the referee, stood for almost a second after Rod Brown had tucked his shot into the net, looking at his linesman before awarding Marconi a goal.

Prior to Brown scoring, Marconi had all of the play and should have been at least three goals in front. With almost unbearable monotony, Marconi players threw their chances away, with Chris Hummel making numerous saves to add to Les Scheinflug's woes.

Spanos and Carter combined at the start of this match for Carter to chip to the near post and Jankovics chimed in to head goalwards but his header, well directed, lacked the bite needed to beat Hummel. Only a minute later, in the tenth, Rod Brown was some 12 metres away but his shot was weak, again allowing Hummel to make a good save.

Then, with half an hour gone, Spanos was at the end of a great move by Marconi but a final effort left a lot to be desired.

Melita's first-half efforts came from John McKie in the 28th (first shot at goal by Melita) which was well saved by James, then came a sitter to Johnny Davies in the 38th. His shot was saved by James, the ball fell to McKie who fired wide! Davies skimmed the crossbar with a 25 metre shot in the 42nd minute to end proceedings in this half.

David Lowe and Rod Brown will remember this match for it was their unfortunate greed that left Marconi with only one point. After hitting a crossbar in the 51st, Lowe was on hand to make yet another break in the 55th. Supported by Tony Henderson and Sharne who were screaming for the ball and only Ken Wilson to contend, with Lowe decided to



Alex Vesic

In the 27th, all hell broke loose in the Melita penalty box, with Hummel managing to push a shot from the right hand side against one of his players. The ball bounced to Sharne who was only three metres from the line, but even that was not enough for Marconi. Hummel dived to block the shot.

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take his man on and lost the ball.

Brown had a similar opportunity in the 78th. He was in a two-to-one situation with Lowe on his left and Melita defenders in no man's land. Instead of passing to Lowe, he decided to go it alone with Les Scheinflug pulling out the remainder of his hair on the sideline.

Melita players showed Marconi just how it is done. First it was Howard Tredinnick who skimmed the bar with the best shot of the match in the 80th, then came the equaliser only a minute later. Dennis Duarte and Silvio Demanuele faced Mariani and on this occasion Duarte drew Mariani, then pushed his pass to Demanuele who beat the advancing James.

Silvio Demanuele, the man who scored Melita's lone goal in Melita's international against Spain (1-1) scored the goal which gave Melita the point but he didn't do much more.

In contrast, Ray Farrugia, his team-mate from the Maltese national team, worked hard, fighting for every ball as did McGinn, Tredinnick and Davies. For Marconi Bertie Mariani was the star at the back and his aerial dominance and clever positioning made Melita's forward efforts less effective.

Man of the Match: HOWARD TREDINNICK (Melita Eagles)

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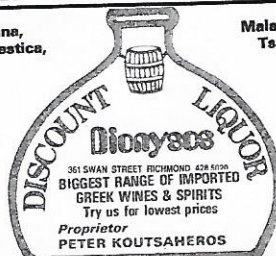
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Hellas has an estimated \$227,000 worth of players.

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BOBBY RUSSELL (defender): Joined last year from Adelaide City Juventus for \$15,000. Fierce tackler, likes to overlap. Australian international. Has played right back, stopper and in midfield for Hellas. Estimated market value: \$15,000.

JOHN YZENDOORN (defender): Joined last year from Heidelberg Alexander for \$15,000. Australian international. One of the finest sweepers in the country. Great going forward. Estimated market value: \$20,000.

STEVE BLAIR (Defender): Signed from Victorian club Albion Rovers in 1980, for \$2,000. Australian youth and senior international. Powerful in the air and on the ground. Estimated market value: \$20,000.

KRIS KALIFATIDIS (Defender): Started as a junior with Hellas. Switched to Victorian club Northcote for \$1,500 in 1981. Returned in 1982 for the same amount. An Australian international. Estimated market value: \$10,000.

CARL HALFORD (midfielder): Joined from now defunct Victorian club Frankston City for \$5,000 in 1982. Former Manchester City apprentice. One of the hardest working midfielders in Australian soccer. Estimated market value: \$15,000.

OSCAR CRINO (midfielder): Australian youth and senior international. Joined from Hong Kong club Tung Sing last year for \$10,000. Formerly played for Brunswick Juventus. Estimated market value: \$20,000.

ALAN DAVIDSON (midfielder): Australian youth and senior international. Bought from Victorian club Altona City for

\$1000 in 1978. Arguably the finest player in Australian soccer. Estimated market value: \$30,000.

CHARLIE EGAN (forward): The 1981 Victorian Rothmans Medal and Bill Fleming Medal winner. Australian international. A prolific goalscorer. Bought from Frankston City in 1982 for \$5,000. Estimated market value: \$20,000.

DOUG BROWN (forward): Australian international. Played with Sheffield United in England. Signed last year from Preston Macedonia in a deal which saw Hellas give Makedonia George Campbell and \$2,500 for him. NSL top scorer last season. Estimated market value: \$20,000.

KEN MURPHY (midfielder): Australian international. Played with Dundee in Scotland. Signed last year from Melbourne Croatia for \$20,000. Tremendous attacking flair, great acceleration and stamina. Estimated market value: \$20,000.

ANGIE POSTECOGLOU (defender): Made his first team debut this year. Started with the Hellas under-10's. Tremendous potential. Aggressive, full of confidence, loves to overlap. Estimated market value: \$7,000.

JOHN KANESOUKIS (midfielder): Has all but established himself as an NSL player this season with some brilliant performances. Started in the under-10's. Victorian youth team representative. Estimated market value: \$7,000.

MANNY ANEZAKIS (defender): Yet to make his first team debut. Started with the under-10's. Estimated market value: \$3,000.

GARY CLAYTON (goalkeeper) signed this year on loan from Brunswick Juventus for \$1,000. Former Preston Macedonia number one. Estimated market value: \$5,000.

South Melbourne



South Melbourne Hellas. Back row: Alan Davidson, Angie Postecoglou, Oscar Crino, Steve Blair, Kris Kalifatidis. Front row: Ken Murphy, Carl Halford, Peter Laumets, John Yzendoorn, Doug Brown by LES SHORROCK.

Nestoridis, Margaritis, Armstrong, Bedford

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The quest for that elusive National League honor, which has hounded South Melbourne Hellas since entering the NSL as a founder member in 1977, could end this year.

South Melbourne was formed late in 1959 by the amalgamation of Hellenic and Yarra Park. But the new club had no ground so a few months later it linked up with South Melbourne United which used Middle Park. The driving force behind the amalgamation was Theo Marmaras, then president of Hellenic. Marmaras went on to become South Melbourne's longest-serving president, chairman and president of the Victorian Soccer Federation and a leading official in the Australian Soccer Federation.

Of the three clubs that formed the South Melbourne of today, South Melbourne United was the oldest. Records show that in 1933 a Royal Caledonians - South Melbourne United combination won the Harry Armstrong Cup for reserve teams. Yarra Park and Hellenic both had unsuccessful seasons in the State League. Hellenic finishing second in 1958 and Yarra Park last in 1959. South Melbourne United never got higher than First Division.

In 1960, its first year of competition, South Melbourne Hellas won the First Division North Championship by an incredible 12 points. The club was undefeated that year drawing only once - 3-3 with Corio. It collected 35

points and scored 79 goals to 11. Its players that season included George Pappadopoulos, Peter Tzaporis, Chris Piskoulas, John Margaritis, Savas Salabasidis (ex-Panathinaikos), Harry Vamvakas, Tony Karagiannis, Jim Mantarakis, John Hadzigeorgiou, Chris Georgiouis and Stefan Fortounas.

The following year, 1961, Hellas managed fifth place in the State League which was a good result at its first attempt. Manny Poulakakis came from Egypt to coach South Melbourne in 1962 and he led the club to its first State League championship.

In 1963 South Melbourne recruited Victorian representative Tommy Anderson from George Cross and John Anderson from Hakoah. Tommy Anderson now is a prominent soccer writer.

More great players were recruited in 1964. Andreas Roussis from Greek First Division club Apollon moved into the team at centre-half. Peter Tsitsos took over in goal and won State selection and winger Jim Adam became one of the club's all-time greats. Ernie Ackert also joined that year. He played two senior games with Manchester United before moving to Black-

pool and finally to Fourth Division club Barrow before coming to Australia. Fitzroy-Alexander's goal keeper Sam Service (who later went to West Adelaide) switched to Hellas and winger Jimmy Pyrgiolos was imported from Panathinaikos.

With the reinforcements came another championship. This time Hellas won from George Cross, J.U.S.T. and Juventus.

A clearance finally arrived for winger Leo Damianakos of Greek Second Division club Kalamata in 1965. Damianakos had arrived the previous year but had sat on the bench for the entire season. Con Nestoridis was the greatest centre-forward Greece produced since the war and he starred with Greek national team and with AEK. When he joined Hellas at the age of 37 in 1966, crowds doubled immediately. With Nestoridis captain-coach and with David Kelly and Victorian representative David High joining from Slavia, South Melbourne again won the championship this time finishing two points clear of Slavia with Hakoah and Melbourne in third and fourth positions.

Hellas had to wait until 1969 for its next triumph. The appointment of top coach Lou Brocic, who was later to coach Kuwait's national team, paid off and Hellas finished in

third place in 1968 and won the 1969 Ampol Cup by beating Croatia 2-1 with Frank Micic scoring the first goal and Damianakos converting a penalty. Micic, the long-serving J.U.S.T. star had switched to South Melbourne but was to return to J.U.S.T. after only one year.

In 1970, Hellas concentrated its funds on recruiting local players. Centre back Steve Walker came from Lions for \$3500 and striker Jimmy Armstrong from Hakoah for \$6000. They went on to become two of South Melbourne's all-time greats. Ulysses Kokkinos returned from Greece where he had gone to try his luck. His return cost South Melbourne \$2000. Goal-keeper Tim Augar, winger Geoff Gould and full back Alan Rutherford, who went on to represent the State, were imported from England and Brocic returned to lead the club to its second successive Ampol Cup victory but he quit soon afterwards, leaving the job to former Polonia and Victoria champion Vic Janczyk.

New coach Bill Curran had done most of his coaching with juniors, introduced two excellent young full backs to the team in 1972, namely Giovanni Battistocci, 16 and Bill Haseapis. 17. Peter Bourne was imported from English club, Burnely, to link up with Ian Marshall in midfield. Bourne and Marshall

became key players in the Victorian State team.

George Cross, with John Gardiner in superb form, led the league for most of the 1972 season. However, Jim Armstrong was scoring goals galore, Bourne and Marshall were brilliant in midfield, Bedford and Walker were impassable in defence. South Melbourne stayed with George Cross all the way and finally in the 21st round took over in first place. It managed only a scoreless draw with Juventus in the last round while George Cross beat Austria 2-1. This left the top two clubs tied on 35 points each but South Melbourne took the title on goal difference. Armstrong, with 17 goals, was top scorer in the league and Bourne finished runner-up to John Gardiner in the Rothmans Medal voting.

Hellas again won the title in 1974.

Young Arthur Xanthopoulos had by now established himself, and new men in the team were Andy Savage from Scotland, Nick Nechvoglod from Adelaide, Kokkinos, who was back for yet another stint and occasionally Ron Smith who was later to become Victorian Director of Coaching and assistant national coach. With Armstrong scoring regularly and Bourne dominating the midfield, South Melbourne led the field for most of the season to win the championship with 33 points, four more than runner-up

George Cross with J.U.S.T. third and Heidelberg United fourth.

Armstrong, with 22 goals, was top scorer in the league. The great Jimmy Mackay joined South Melbourne from Hakoah Sydney in 1975, and Chris Kalifatidis stepped up from the reserves to take a place in defence. Paul Murphy, who had been runner-up to Armstrong in the 1974 goalscorers' stakes, was recruited from George Cross after South Melbourne's poor start to the 1975 league season. Howard Andrews from South Africa was another newcomer. Hellas had to be content with second place behind Heidelberg United (then called Alexander) and coached by former South boss Manny Poulakakis.

However, there was consolation in the Dockerty Cup which South Melbourne won for the second year running. In 1974 it had beaten Wilhelmshafen 4-1 in the final with goals by Marshall, Armstrong, Nechvoglod and Bourne. In 1975 it won the Cup by beating tenacious Sunshine City 2-1 with a goal by Mackay and a penalty by Armstrong.

Peter Ollerton (\$9000 from APLA) and Duncan Cummings (\$10,000 from Melbourne) were South Melbourne's star recruits early in 1976. Appropriately, the strengthened team started the season by winning the Ampol

Cup beating J.U.S.T. 4-1 in final. Margaritis Hagegg established himself as left during the season and Southbourne went on to win championship by a massive points from runner-up J. Mooroolbark was third. George Cross fourth. Southbourne also claimed an official Australian championship after having beaten champion St George's and away the drawing Sydney and winning 2-1 inbourne with goals by Kalas and Hageggmanouli... a v inspired by the brilliant Jimmy Mackay in midfield. Hellas joined the formed NSL in 1977. It listed champions Steve V and Jim Armstrong and Peter Bourne and Jim M. This took the backbone out team and not even recruits calibre of Jack Reilly Gibson (both from Heidelberg) Billy Rogers (APLA), Chris (Wilhelmshafen), Anton Dost (kiah), John Gardiner (Est Croatia) and Graham I could change that.

In an effort to do better, South Melbourne appointed new coach, Dave Macdonald, from Sydney City. Macdonald recruited goalkeeper Hansen and centre-back Baxter from Sweden. Lutton for \$9500 from City, Sammy Wright from land, George Campbell Scotland, Bobby McGuire from Sydney City and pro

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Melbourne Hellas

Ahead of schedule for the league title

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

"If we win the championship, put me last on the list of those who made it happen. Put the players first, then the coach, the rest of the committee, the supporters, then me," says South Melbourne Hellas president Leo Anezakis.

And if Hellas can win the National Conference title this year, it will have done so a year ahead of schedule.

"It takes three years to build a championship side," says Anezakis, who became club president in late 1982.

"That's three years of tremendous stability within the club. Three years with the same core of first team players, with the same coach, and with the same people running the show off the field."

Anezakis is the first to admit that the Greek temperament and patience don't exactly go hand-in-hand. "Some supporters won't give you three weeks, let alone three years," he says.

Anezakis is in a class of his own when it comes to being the type of club president who understands players. He was president of the Hellas juniors from 1975 to 1977 when he then took over as team manager of

the senior team until he became club president. Surely, few NSL clubs can brag that they are run by a man who has had firsthand knowledge of the problems players and coaches encounter on and off the field.

"I've been in the dressing room a lot during my eight years as team manager so I like to think that I understand what's going on. I know what I can do and what I can't do, and what I can say and what I can't say."

"If we are fortunate enough to win the title, then heap praise on the players first. I can't go out there and win games for Hellas. They can."

Anezakis has been on the senior committee of the club since 1977 so he's also well versed in the demands of being an administrator.

Which is just as well, for Hellas has taken in just over \$90,000 in gate money this season, and we're already well into the second round of the season. In the early part of last season, three home games — against Heidelberg, Sydney Olympic and Makedonia — brought in \$90,000.

"Our expenses this year are about the same as last year but the gate money is a lot less. I put it down to having less home games this season and the bad winter in Melbourne didn't help. Sure, our support is down but that's a general trend and not just in soccer either. A lot of sports suffer from falling attendances. People can stay at home and watch videos. And a lot of Greeks love to go fishing on the weekends."

So how does Hellas supplement its income this year?

"Look you know, and I know and everyone knows that if Hellas needs money, Hellas gets the money."

"If people on the committee have to dip into their pockets, they dip into their pockets but I believe that that's very unprofessional. I don't like it. You can't keep asking the committee to do that. It means that you end up losing commitment and that means that you've got no stability in running the club."

Hellas, however, commands a huge support, far bigger than has been shown on the terraces this year.

"If we need money, then there are a lot of people, other than the committee, who can chip in. The ladies committee and the supporters club run functions and are a big help to Hellas."

The ladies committee already has given the senior committee \$5,000 this year. The supporters club has given \$4,000. The junior committee last year handed over \$4,000.

The supporters club, called the South Melbourne Lemian Club, puts between \$20,000 and \$25,000 a year into the Hellas coffers.

Of the present stars in the senior team, only Carl Halford and Kris Kalitaditis are under contract for next season, which means that come December 1, a lot of talented players at Hellas will be talking turkey with Anezakis and the committee for next year.

"We won't be buying five or six players like we've done in the past. It hasn't brought us a championship. Okay, sometimes you can have success by rushing things but that's rare. Generally, you've got to have patience and build a championship side."

"Our coach Len McKendry has to tell us who he wants. If he wants to sign a new player, then it's up to us to come up with the money."

The leaders

The senior committee of Hellas numbers 16. Leo Anezakis is in his second year as president. He's the director of Lanez Engineering Pty. Ltd.

The other committeemen are: Bill Georgantidis and Chris Christopher, senior vice-presidents; George Karageorgiou, vice-president; George Vasiliopoulos, treasurer; Peter Koutzouras, secretary; Kris Kyritsopoulos, assistant secretary; Chris Papas, assistant treasurer; Peter Mitras, public relations; Simon Karas, assistant public relations; Jim Diamantaris, youth team president; Peter Dourios, youth team vice-president and president of the junior club; Steve Kalogiorgou, youth team manager; Peter Skerpetis, ground manager; Chris Kamas, assistant ground manager; and Nick Kamberopoulos, general committee.

Seven championships

Here's a list of credits that make opposition clubs envious:

1962 - State League champion	1975 - Dockerty Cup winner
1964 - State League champion	1976 - State League champion, Ampol Cup winner
1965 - State League champion	1982 - Armstrong Cup winner, Ampol Cup winner
1966 - State League champion	1983 - Armstrong Cup winner
1969 - Ampol Cup winner	1984 - Buffalo Gold Cup winner
1970 - Ampol Cup winner	
1972 - State League champion	
1974 - State League champion, Dockerty Cup winner	

among the greats

George Christopoulos from the reserves. This resulted in a respectable third position on the ladder behind champion West Adelaide and Sydney City Fourth was Marconi.

In April 1979 the Phillips League deducted three competition points from South Melbourne after four rounds of the championship. The club was found guilty of having used new left-back Tony Turner in three league matches although he was not cleared by his former English club. Goalkeeper Jack Reilly switched to Juventus on a free transfer and a week later MacLaren stood down and was replaced by former State coach Duncan McKay. Ten weeks later when the team still struggled in second last place on the ladder, McKay quit and was replaced by John Margaritis from Heidelberg United. South Melbourne finished the season last and there were fears that it may not be readmitted to the League the following season. Those fears proved to be unfounded. Mendo Ristovski was recruited from Footscray late in 1979 and the season also saw the emergence of former Altona City player Alan Davidson as a top national star.

Defender Frank Munro had joined Hellas in January, 1979. Munro, a former Scottish international, added greatly to the quality of the squad but the Turner affair and subsequent coaching switches did little to enhance the spirit of the players

and team-stability was in tatters.

However, current number one goalkeeping choice, Peter Laumets, was bought from Preston Makedonia in 1979.

Hellas again was active in 1980 on the transfer market buying Branko Buljevic from Heidelberg for \$20,000 and Vince Bannon from Frankston City. Arthur Xanthopoulos and Billy Rogers were lured out of retirement.

And that giant of a stopper, Soccerro youth and senior international Steve Blair, joined from Albion Rovers.

Hellas left the memory of its nightmarish 1979 season well behind by finishing 3rd in 1980. John Stevenson from Sydney City Hakoah and Jim Shirra from Scotland were Hellas' prize recruits for the 1981 season, along with New Zealand international striker Steve Woodin. And young Socrates Nicolaides, a junior product, was on the verge of establishing himself in the first team. Hellas finished 2nd in the league, its highest finish to date.

Charlie Egan, that will o' the wise goalscorer, joined Hellas early in 1982, scoring a hat-trick in his first game for the club, against Croydon in the Ampol Cup. Hellas won that match 6-0.

Grant Turner, a midfielder from New Zealand, also joined but returned to NZ part way through the season after disputes with coach Margaritis and the committee, and indifferent form.

Optimism ran high after Hellas defeated arch rival Heidelberg 2-1 in the Ampol Cup final. Egan nabbed the winner in extra time. Everyone at the club was talking about winning the National League but player unrest and the eventual exit of Margaritis, after Tommy Docherty's appearance, ended any chance of winning the championship. Docherty signed midfielder Carl Halford from Frankston City but Hellas could finish no higher than 6th.

At the end of 1982, Docherty rejoined Olympic, the team he had coached in 1981. Rale Rasic took over and Leo Anezakis replaced Sam Papasavas as Hellas president. Papasavas left to concentrate on his role as NSL president.

Rasic signed Doug Brown from Makedonia, Ken Murphy from Melbourne Croatia, Oscar Crino from Tung Sing in Hong Kong, Bobby Russell from Adelaide Juventus and John Zyzendorn from Heidelberg.

Rasic was sacked after a horror stretch of seven successive losses. Len McKendry took over with the team in 12th place. Hellas ended last season in 4th place.

Branko Buljevic retired this year and injury has limited Arthur Xanthopoulos's appearances. McKendry bought Paul Lewis from Green Gully but after a handful of games, Lewis, the 1983 Bill Fleming medal winner and leading Victorian State League scorer, returned to Green Gully.



• Ollerton • Reilly • Christopoulos • Micic • Armstrong • Baxter

26 SOCCEROOS

Hellas has had 26 Australian internationals in its ranks, as well as John Margaritis and Con Nestoridis who played for Greece, and Frank Munro, who played for Scotland. Malcolm MacDonald, who was a guest player for Hellas in the 1970s, played for England, and holds that country's international scoring record. He scored every goal in England's 5-0 win over Cyprus at Wembley on April 16, 1975.

The following list shows the 26 Australian internationals who have played for Hellas. Figures after their names denote: number of appearances for the Soccerro "A" team; number of full internationals; goals for Australia and, where applicable, number of Soccerro "B" team appearances, then the number of "B" team goals:

Peter Ollerton 55/30/20	Jim Armstrong 4/3/2
Jim Mackay 52/31/5	Billy Rogers 4/2/0
Alan Davidson 39/21/2	Bobby Russell 4/0/0
Jack Reilly 35/15/0	Duncan Cummings 3/1/1
Branko Buljevic 30/22/11	Charlie Egan 3/2/0/7B/1B
John Zyzendorn 18/13/1	Oscar Crino 3/2/1/2B
Steve Blair 17/13/0/7B/1B	John Stevenson 2/0/0
Ken Murphy 15/6/2	Mendo Ristovski 2/1/0
Theo Seledmidis 14/7/1/3B	Stuart Baxter 1/0/0
George Christopoulos 13/8/1	Peter Laumets 1/0/0
Frank Micic 9/7/1	Kris Kalitaditis 1/0/0
John Anderson 8/5/1	Jim Adam 1/0/0
David Jones 5/4/0	Doug Brown 5B/2B

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MONARO, ROCKDALE SET FOR TITLE SHOWDOWN

Inter Monaro failed to impress against bottom-placed Bankstown but still managed to collect the points, while Rockdale Ilinden brushed Ku-Ring-Gai aside to set up one of the best finishes ever in the race for the title.

With one point between the top two and only three rounds remaining, Inter Monaro has a slight advantage as it plays at home against Rockdale this Sunday in what looms as a championship decider.

However, Ilinden is not without a chance. Branko Karanfilovski and Peter Trajanovski have hit form at the right time and with Ross Brown up front, Michael Hocking, in goal for Monaro, will have a tough time.

Angel Ambrosino was sent off against Bankstown National and could miss this match, while Tony Brennan and Seb Giampaolo, as well as Monterosso, are nursing injuries and might have to sit this one out.

There is another bonus for spectators at this match. Walter Valeri, with 14 goals to his credit, and Ross Brown with 15, are the State League's leading marksmen and will look forward to a goal or two here to boost their claims for top scorer's honors.

Canterbury and Avala seem to have escaped relegation by a whisker, but Yugal, Narabeen and Bankstown National will have to battle it out for the wooden spoon.

Narabeen has to play Sutherland, Ku-Ring-Gai, Polonia and Avala. Yugal plays Manly, Auburn, Sutherland and Ku-Ring-Gai, while Bankstown does battle with Manly, Avala and Auburn.

Bankstown looms as favorite for bottom spot, but according to its long standing secretary, Jimmy Griffin, net all is finished. "If we play as well as we did against Inter Monaro we might escape yet," he said.

Manly 3 Canterbury 0

Scorers: Pagano 10th, Panes 88th, 89th.
Venue: Cromer Park

The home side consolidated its position in the top four with a comfortable 3-0 win over Canterbury at Cromer Park, although Manly's display wasn't

pleasing for its coach Richard Alagich.

Manly led 1-0 with a goal by Bobby Pagano in the 10th minute then had to battle hard against an improved Canterbury, which looked set to over-run Manly during the second half and came close on quite a few occasions.

And while Canterbury was getting ready to cause an upset at Cromer, in came Simon Panes to score twice within a minute and give Manly its convincing result.

Panes missed an absolute sitter in the 87th minute but came back to score twice in the ensuing two minutes and make amends.

John Dick, Ashley Williamson and Steve Leak were among the better Manly players, while Canterbury was ably led by Craig Hall and Johnny Anagnostopoulos.

Rockdale Ilinden 3 Ku-Ring-Gai 1

Scorers: G. Wilson 22nd, 54th, Karanfilovski 90th (RII) Jeffery K.
Venue: Hurstville Oval

Geoff Wilson, Rockdale's stopper, scored twice and Branko Karanfilovski netted once in an easy 3-1 victory over Ku-Ring-Gai but more importantly, the home team has passed yet another hurdle on its way to meeting Inter Monaro at Marco Polo this week.

Ku-Ring-Gai was not to be laughed at after its run of successes.

Only beaten once in its previous 11 matches and fresh from its 1-0 win over Auburn, Ku-Ring-Gai was confident.

Ilinden pressed Prentice early but after going ahead through a headed goal by Geoff Wilson the home side appeared to lose control, almost allowing Ku-Ring-Gai to snatch an equaliser. Neale Williamson broke past Ilinden's defence from a through ball by Glen Jeffery but his shot hit the post with Smith stranded.

The home team assumed a superior role soon after the

interval and peppered Prentice from all angles. After a series of corners in the 54th minute Wilson latched onto a Karanfilovski lob to head home his second goal.

Glen Jeffery scored his ninth goal of the season to narrow the gap to just one goal after 68 minutes but soon after Ku-Ring-Gai lost its star defender Terry Bertram and with him, its last chance of snatching a draw.

Ilinden continued to attack and was rewarded with a late goal by Branko Karanfilovski. Ross Brown's overhead kick beat Prentice only to hit the

cross bar. Karanfilovski raced in to score his second goal in as many games.

Narabeen while George Alkoutas and Carlos Rosano were the only ones to hold their heads high for Auburn.



NSW State League
with ALEX VESIC

Bankstown National 0 Inter Monaro 1

Scorer: Giampaolo 19th
Venue: Jansen

The visitors should consider themselves lucky after this hard-fought narrow victory over bottom-placed Bankstown. Sebastian Giampaolo scored after a neat move by Walter Valeri in 19th minute, but it was little consolation for the injury-riddled Inter Monaro on the eve of this year's most crucial match.

Bankstown certainly played above expectations and was unlucky to lose. In fact, the home side had the ball in the net but after an intervention by the linesman, the referee cancelled the goal for offside.

Pavela, Dolton, Blackburn and Cootes had great games for the losers, while Hocking, Santolin and Ambrosino did well for Monaro.

Auburn Uruguay 0 Warringah Narabeen 1

Scorer: Ken Sarge 71st
Venue: Mona Park

Narabeen edged closer to escaping relegation after this nail-biting 1-0 win over Auburn at Mona Park. Billy Bullock

Sutherland 4 Polonia 2

Scorers: Webber 21st, 28th, Gray 43rd, Dalforno 58th, Galas 80th, 86th pen.
Venue: Seymour Shaw

After demolishing Polonia during the first half than adding yet another goal soon after half time, Sutherland looked satisfied with its day's work and allowed the visitors to strike back with two late goals by Anton Galas.

Jimmy Webber was the star of the match, scoring two goals and adding to Polonia's midfield anaemia every time he touched the ball.

Brian Gray scored late in the first half to give his side an unassailable lead, with Vic Dalforno chiming in with another goal.

Sutherland eased off, allowing Hinte Galas to score twice in the closing stages, once from the penalty spot.

Sutherland had its best players in Schumann and Webber, while the rest performed with distinction, while Polonia had its backbone to thank for keeping the scoreline down.

Its front running trio of Henjek Sobczyk, Henjek Kovaczky and Henjek Ovcarek were disappointing as was its midfield trio of Lumsdaine, Vanderberg and Juchniwicz.

This is only the second time Avala has drawn at home (winning only once and losing seven times) indicating that this venue is not at all suited to Avala's style.

No goals however, is a rarity at this ground. In fact, this was a first for this season.

In the end, Yugal came off second best despite earning a valuable point. David Forester, Yugal's most determined defender, will be out of action for a while after being carried off following an unfortunate clash with Gary Bateman 20 minutes before the end.

Tommy Mihajlovic has come back into the side and made a solid contribution, but it was Forester and Clarke who shone for Yugal with Patrick Rodas also having a fine game.

For Avala, there were few exceptional performances with Duvnjak, Lembrzyk and Milne among the best, while Branko Kodor had purple patches in his 55 minute appearance.

State League standings	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
INTER MONARO.....	12	5	2	56	22	29
ROCKDALE.....	12	4	3	39	20	28
MANLY WARR.....	9	7	2	34	11	25
SUTHERLAND.....	10	5	4	32	17	25
Auburn-Uruguay.....	6	7	5	15	15	19
Ku-Ring-Gai.....	5	7	7	23	30	17
Polonia.....	5	5	8	19	27	15
Canterbury.....	5	5	9	18	37	15
Avala.....	4	6	8	24	36	14
Yugal.....	3	6	9	24	27	12
Narabeen.....	4	10	19	13	52	12
Bankstown.....	3	5	11	17	43	11

THIS WEEK

Saturday: Narabeen Fitness Camp: NARABEEN V. SUTHERLAND
Sunday: Jensen: BANKSTOWN V. MANLY; Arlington: CANTERBURY V. AVALA; Fraser Park: YUGAL V. AUBURN; Chopin Park: POLONIA V. KU-RING-GAI; Marco Polo: INTER MONARO V. ROCKDALE ILINDEN

TOP SCORERS

- 15 - Ross Brown (RI)
- 14 - Walter Valeri (IM)
- 10 - Seb. Giampaolo (IM)
- 9 - O'Shane (Aub), Jeffery (K), Leak, Holloway (MW)
- 8 - Milne (Av)
- 7 - Monterosso (IM), Groome (S), Jesic (Y)
- 6 - Willox (IM), Stuart (MW), Sobczyk (P)
- 5 - Budini (Av), Dounis (C), Colbertaldo (IM), Webber (S), Jones, Karanfilovski (RI), McGrath (Y)

MANLY 3 (Pagano 10th, Panes 88th, 89th) CANTERBURY 0 at Cromer Park.

MANLY WARRINGAH: Conradi 7, Plaud 6, J. Dick 8, A. Williamson 8, Pearce 7 - Jones 6, Steven 6, Leak 8 - Panes 7, Pagano 6, Stuart 6

CANTERBURY: Konistis 6 - Antonopoulos 6, Efthimiades 7, Titilas 7, Laws 7 - Hantzis 6, Petas 6 (Fernatis 60th - 7, Anagnostopoulos 8 - Hall 8, Dounis 6, Vassilou 6)

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 3 (G. Wilson 22nd, 54th, Karanfilovski 90th) KU-RING-GAI 1 (Jeffery 68th) at Hurstville Oval.

ILINDEN: Smith 6 - Degney 7, Pilovski 7, G. Wilson 8, D. Wilson 7, Jones 7, Slavski 7, Nastevski 7 - Brown 6, Trajanovski 8, Karanfilovski 9

BANKSTOWN 0 INTER MONARO 1 (Giampaolo 19th) at Jansen Oval.

BANKSTOWN NATIONAL: Lehman 7 - Acostino 7, Blackburn 8, Cootes (Fumes 60th - 7), Ishmail 7 - Kennedy 7, Dolton 7, Pavela 8 (54th Hassan 6), Ex-El Hosseini 6, Parker 6, Apenian 7

INTER MONARO: Hocking 6 - Domazetovic 7, Santolin 8, Ambrosino 8 (sent off 70th), Frances 7 - Willox 5, Monterosso 6, Farrell 6, Colbertaldo 6, Valeri 7, Giampaolo 7

AUBURN 0 WARRINGAH NARABEEN 1 (Sarge 71st) at Mona Park.

AUBURN: Rosana 7 - Geekie 6, Watt 6, Planinic 6, Kelly 7 - Akoutas 6, Carney 5, Parfitt 5, Knight 6 - O'Shane 5, Townsend 5

WARRINGAH NARABEEN: P. Dean 7 - Hanley 7, Collings 7, Rylands 7, Mahoney 8 - Garrett 6, Sarge 7, Griffin 7, Bullock 6 - Sandtner 5, A. Dean 5

AVALA 0 YUGAL 0 at Knight Park

AVALA: Thurlow 7 - Lembrzyk 8, Budini 7, Mackenzie 6, Milne 8 - Duvnjak 8, Williams 6, Kodor 7 (55th Bonic - 6), Rodriguez 6, Bateman 6, Bratkovic 6

YUGAL: Barry 6 - Pahor 7, G. Forester 8 (Tomasich 70th), Clarke 8, Marco 7 - Mihajlovic 8, Zivkovic 7, Tanovski 6, Rodas 8 - Tharnides 6, Jesic 7

SUTHERLAND 4 (Webber 21st, 28th, Gray 43rd, Dalforno 58th) POLONIA 2 (Galas 80th, 86th pen)

SUTHERLAND: Dart 7 - Nelson 7, Schumann 9, Dalforno 8, Hesford 7, Rogers 7, Webber 9, Stoddart 7 - Hargraves 7, Gray 7, Groome 7 (82nd Harrington)

POLONIA: Barker 5 - Divani 6, Galas 9, Fogarty 8, Pratt 6 - Juchniwicz 6, Vanderberg 5 (Rasmussen 63rd), Lumsdaine 5 - Sobczyk 5, Kovaczky 6, Ovcarek 6

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Knox City 0 Morwell F. 6

Scorers: Stirtion 25th, 37th, 74th, Moore 56th, 68th, Webster 68th.

Venue: Egan Lee Reserve

What a difference big Ian Stirtion the ex-Glasgow Rangers striker has made to Morwell Falcons in the six weeks since he joined from Doveton!

Buffalo State League ladder

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MORWELL	12	6	1	38	10	30
FAWKNER	12	4	3	50	27	28
POLONIA	11	5	4	42	24	27
BOX HILL	9	8	2	33	19	26
West. Suburbs	9	4	6	36	36	22
Northcote	9	2	8	39	29	20
Albion Rovers	6	6	6	16	21	18
R. Wilhelmina	5	6	7	29	30	16
Croydon	2	7	9	22	28	16
Frank. Pines	4	8	7	21	29	16
Knox City	4	4	11	25	48	12
St. Alb. Dinamo	2	7	10	23	39	11
Doveton	3	4	11	26	29	10
Broadmeadows	4	2	13	15	36	10

ST ALBANS DINAMO (Batonic 40th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 3 (Burton 53rd, 60th, Stewart 85th) at Churchill Reserve, Saturday.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: Debeljich 6 — Kuzman 7, Brkicic 6, Radman 7, Nobilo 6 — Rastocic 6, Batonic 6, Boic 6 — Desic 6 (inj. Mecanovic 40th, 6), Morovic 6, Culina 6, Coach: Pero Kasalo. RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Lee 7 — Corke 6, Haupt 7, Murray 6, Verniers 6 — Shannon 7, Storm 7, Burton 8 — Warsawski 6, Pilbegg 7 (Fryatt 75th), Stewart 7, Coach: Cor Teewu.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: Burton (Wilhelmina), Murray (Wilhelmina), 1. Radman (St. Alb.).

KNOX CITY 0 MORWELL FALCONS 6 (Stirtion 25th, 37th, 74th, Moore 56th, 68th, Webster 68th) at Egan Lee Reserve, Saturday.

KNOX CITY: Brian 6 — Smith 7, Dixon 6, Bissinger 5, Bryden 4 — Wild 6, Lesbire 6 (Owen 80th), Murray 5 — Gerrish 5, Masters 5, Hous 5, Coach: Eric Lesbire.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 7 — Train 6, Bruns 6, Higham 6, Bingham 7 — Cassar 6, MacLean 8 (Coody 70th), Moore 8, O'Callaghan 7 — Stirtion 9, Athersych 6 (Webster 65th), Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: Stirtion (MF), 2. Moore (MF), 1. MacLean (MF).

FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Cooke 80th) NORTHCOTE 1 (Donisopoulos 76th) at Monterey Boulevard, Saturday.

FRANKSTON PINES: Stutchbury 7 — Thurlow 7, Wilson 6, Cullen 8, Ferris 6 — Cooke 6, Livingstone 7, Ross 7, Beech 7 — Cummings 6, Dick 7, Coach: Danny McMinime.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 7 (inj. Orfanos 60th) — Wilson 6, Katsakidis 6, Bozakis 7, Mihos 6 — Patinotis 7, Quigley 5, Toro 8 — Constantinou 5, Micevski 5 (Bekiaris 65th), Donisopoulos 6, Coach: Jimmy Pargolios.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Toro (North), 2. Cullen (Pines), 1. Livingstone (Pines).

POLONIA 2 (Przybyla penalty 62nd, Mitten 90th) CROYDON 1 (French penalty 45th) at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.

POLONIA: Fryzser 6 — Liparski 7, McCluskey 7, Mila 6, Smolarek 6 — Innes 8, Tront 7, G. Czapiak 5 (Gardiner 70th) — Mitten 90, Przybyla 5, Gilder 7, Coach: John Gardiner.

CROYDON: Kastner 5 — Kerr 8 — Rainey 6, Brewerton 7, Singleton 6, Brown 7 — Irvine 7 (Salsi 80th), French 6, Livingstone 9, Killey 6, Loughane 7, Coach: Colin Hasler.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Livingstone (Croy), 2. Mitten (Pol), 1. Innes (Pol).

DOVETON 2 (Edmondson 56th, Watson 80th) ALBION ROVERS 0 at Waratah Reserve, Sunday.

DOVETON: Radov 7 — Dixey 7, Lowe 7, Gadsby 7, MacLeod 7 — Watson 8, Buchanan 7, Edmondson 9, M. McDonald 7 (inj. Laletas 85th) — J. McDonald 8, Nelson 7, Coach: Ian Williamson.

ALBION ROVERS: Bryden 8 — Galea 6, S'Syva 7, Gilmore 8, Douglas 7 — McMorrow 6 (Gatt 75th), Reilly 6, Purcell 7 — Bouzas 5, Alfonso 6, Robertson 7, Coach: Billy McIntyre.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Edmondson (Dovet), 2. Watson (Dovet), 1. Bryden (Albion).

BOX HILL 0 BROADMEADOWS 0 at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 7 — I. Roodhouse 7, Brooks 7, Brownlie 8, A. Roodhouse 7 — Hughes 7 (Azopardi 80th), Valentine 7 — Priestley 5 (White 60th), Smith 7, Verechia 6, Keenan 6, Coach: Bill Murray.

BROADMEADOWS: Grech 7 — Smart 8, Donaldson 8, Daniels 8, Dosa 7 — Balir 8, Horfink 7, Watson 8 — Vaccaro 7, Simic 8, Campbell 7 (Uberti 75th), Coach: Jim McIntyre.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Simic (Broad), 2. Brownlie (Box Hill), 1. Blair (Broad).

FAWKNER: 4 (Tuffield 20th, Garvey penalty 25th, 56th, 60th) WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Lekkas 75th) at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

FAWKNER: Terzini 7 — McKinley 8, Cavallari 6, Macleod 7, Hobson 8 — Lia 7 (inj. Polizella 60th), Bannan 7 (inj. Fattore 75th), Angele 7, Garvey 9 — Cozzella 8, Tuffield 8, Coach: Gus Macleod.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Hunter 5 — Matheo 5, Dimovski 6, Hamill 6, Lekkas 6 — Christodoulis 5 (Dilbert 70th), Espo 10, Muzel 6 — Lazopoulos 7, Stenson 7, Coyle 6, Coach: Jimmy Condis.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Garvey (Fawk), 2. Tuffield (Fawk), 1. McKinley (Fawk).

SCHIPANO AWARD

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Leading votegetters:
22 — Smith (Box Hill)
18 — MacLean (Morw), Burton (Wilhel), Lazopoulos (WS)
17 — Tuffield (Fawk), Stenson (WS)
15 — Quigley (North)
14 — I. Roodhouse (Box Hill), Mitten (Pol)
13 — Culina (St. A.)
12 — House (Knox), Bingham, Moore (Morw), Mila (Pol)

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Leading scorers:
17 — Smith (Box Hill)
15 — Tuffield (Fawkner)
14 — Moore (Morw), Przybyla (Pol)
13 — Cozzella (Fawk), Lazopoulos (WS)
12 — House (Knox), Mitten (Pol)
11 — Coyle (WS)
10 — Stewart (Wilhel), Morovic (St. A.)

By LES SHORROCK

The hat-trick he grabbed against hapless Knox City on Saturday brought his tally for the Latrobe Valley outfit to nine, and helped to set up what could be a championship decider against Fawkner in two weeks.

Little could be said in favour of Knox City in this game. It started off with a spritely air that belied its lowly league standing, and for just 25 minutes it seemed as though an upset could be in the offing.

But then Stirtion struck from close range after slack marking following a throw-in, and he hammered another nail into Knox's coffin 12 minutes later from an almost identical situation.

In the 56th minute Stirtion turned goal-maker as his cross found unmarked Steve Moore in the six-yard box, and Moorsy doesn't miss those.

Stan Webster, coming on as a substitute after a long injury spell, got into the act in 68th minute, by which time we were beginning to feel sorry for 16-year-old Robert Brian in the Knox goal, who was looking like Horatius without his

two mates, and Moore completed the rout in the 88th minute.

It was a pretty impressive performance from Falcons, even allowing for Knox's virtual surrender, and it was well summed up by a beaming Don de Fabrizio afterwards.

"It was pretty good, wasn't it," he said, "and just think, we managed it without our best defender, Gerry Clarke!"

There wasn't much to beam about in the Knox camp, though.

It was Knox's ninth game in succession without a win, and now relegation looms as a real possibility, and given the Knox facilities, that would be a real tragedy.

I hadn't seen Knox since the second round, when it beat St. Albans, and looked good doing it, and I was appalled to see its present predicament.

If predicament seems too strong a word, consider the fact that, although one of its remaining games is against fellow-struggler Broadmeadows, it also faces danger games away to Croydon City, Box Hill and Polonia.



Morwell striker Ian Stirtion is down (at right) but far from out. He's just completed a hat-trick against Knox City at Egan Lee Reserve last Saturday. Others pictured, from left: Robert Brian and Duncan Smith, both of Knox. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Broadmeadows, Doveton in big relegation battle

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

It's the basement battle between Broadmeadows and Doveton at Laura Douglas Reserve on Saturday which steals the State League limelight this weekend.

Doveton goes into the game with a 2-0 win over Albion last Sunday to its credit while Broadmeadows held Box Hill at Wembley Park to a 0-0 draw. It's the midfield battle which could prove decisive here with Graham Watson, Bill Buchanan, Gerry Edmondson and Matt McDonald for Doveton pitted against

Stuart Blair, Ron Horfink and George Watson of Broadmeadows.

With just two points separating the bottom four and these sides — Broadmeadows, Doveton, St. Albans and Knox — near certainties to fight out the relegation issue, the Broadmeadows v. Doveton clash takes on immense importance to the State League future of both clubs.

I'm going for a draw, which will be a fair result for the

Doves and a bad one for the home team.

St. Albans Dinamo seems to have no chance of pushing clear of the relegation zone when it travels to the Latrobe Valley on Saturday to meet table toppers Morwell Falcons. With Ian Stirtion continuing his superb scoring record for Falcons and the defence maintaining its outstanding record (Falcons have conceded 10 goals, the lowest in

the league) Dinamo looks doomed.

Box Hill hasn't given up hope of winning the championship. If it loses to Frankston Pines at Monterey Boulevard on Saturday, it certainly will have blown its title chances. The Box Hill players will be well aware of the responsibility they carry into this match. That's why I'm tipping a victory to the Hillmen.

SATURDAY

Frankston Pines v BOX HILL at Monterey Boulevard, 3 pm.

Broadmeadows v Doveton (draw) at Laura Douglas Reserve, 3 pm.

Albion Rovers v Polonia (draw) at Salwyn Park, 3 pm.

MORWELL FALCONS v St. Albans Dinamo at North Crinigan Reserve, 3 pm.

SUNDAY
CROYDON v Knox City at Croydon Park, 3 pm.

Ringwood Wilhelmina v FAWKNER at Jubilee Park, 3 pm.

Northcote v WESTERN SUBURBS at John Cain Reserve, 3 pm.

Gardiner still great, end for Mila?

By MICK MITTEN

Polonia 2 Croydon 1

Scorers: Przybyla penalty 62nd, Mitten 90th (P); French penalty 45th.

Venue: Raleigh Reserve.

This could be Stefan Mila's last season in State League but John Gardiner looks like he could go on for ever.

Mila reportedly is returning to Poland for good in September. If so, he'll be a sad loss, for he undoubtedly is one of the finest players to come to the State League in recent times.

The Gardiner era is far from over. The Polonia player-coach came on in the 76th minute against Croydon, replacing young Greg Czapiak in midfield, and his slide-rule passes completely changed the course of this match. And for the first time in this contest,

Polonia's front runners looked dangerous.

However, it must be said that luck — good luck for Polonia and bad for Croydon — was all that kept Polonia alive up until Gardiner's appearance.

Croydon took a 1-0 lead into the half-time break. Steve Irvine beat Mirek Smolarek in the 45th minute and headed for goal. Danny McCluskey came across to cover and stepped into Irvine, sending the Croydon player sprawling. The ref pointed to the spot and Graham Ferner converted.

Not that Polonia didn't have chances in the first half. Several mistakes from Croydon goalie Lou Kastner went unpunished. His failure to intercept a cross set-up Carl Gilder who mis-kicked with his first shot and had his second at-

tempt smothered. Gilder was just two metres out.

Late in the first half a superb Rick Liparski cross completely beat Kastner but Czapiak, from point blank range, shot well over.

My pick as man of the match, Croydon's Alex Livingstone, twice was beaten by the woodwork in the second half. With Croydon leading 1-0, Livingstone dispossessed Mila and lobbed Mike Fryzser only to see the ball strike the far post and bounce back into play.

Polonia levelled in the 62nd minute. Kevin Innes played

the ball in behind the Croydon defence and Noel Mitten's pace allowed him to break into the box only to be met by flying Dave Singleton who crashed into the Polonia striker and a penalty was awarded. Janusz Przybyla made it 1-1.

In the 78th minute, Livingstone got the ball after a goalmouth scramble and shot, only to again be denied by the post.

The decisive goal came in the 90th minute. With Croydon chasing the winner, the ball was cleared to Przybyla. He played it long down the left and with Mike Rainey out of position, Alan Kerr came across to cover. Mitten quickly

closed down Kerr then robbed the Croydon sweeper. Mitten got to the backline and from two metres out rolled the ball back to Przybyla, who mis-kicked, but Mitten pounced, cracking the ball into the top right hand corner of goal to make it 2-1 and keep Polonia's title hopes alive.

Melbourne's hopes dim

KEW CITY 1 (Brown 43rd) MELBOURNE 1 (Tepal penalty 8th) at Stradbroke Park, Saturday.

KEW CITY: Green 6 — Conway 9, Kraeven 8, Smale 8, Wilkinson 6 — Phillips 6, Parsons 7, Brown 7, Drougde 6 — Wild, Houston 6 (Koukonaris 87th).

MELBOURNE: Toth 7 — Degan 7, Bannan 8, Bird 7, Szabo 8 — Treichowski 6, Tepal 7, C. Theodorou 6, Theodorou 8 — Ward 8, Roberts 7.

This result may have ended Melbourne's chances of getting promoted to State League this season.

Melbourne was fortunate to take the lead in the 8th minute when a bad bounce deceived Kew's Brown, who handled. A penalty was awarded and Ernie Tapai converted.

Brown made amends in the 43rd minute from a free kick from 22 metres. The ball took a slight deflection off the Melbourne defensive wall and flew into the far corner to make it 1-1.

A feature of the game was Kew's man markers — one on Melbourne defender Paddy Bannan, the other on Melbourne striker Danny Ward. Kew's Conway, just 20 years old, marked Ward out of the game.

Greenwald sent off

NUNAWADING CITY 3 (West pen. 44th, Bakker 76th, 85th) RICHMOND 0 at Mahoney's Reserve, Saturday.

NUNAWADING CITY: Fensham, Sullivan, Brown, Furzer, Bakker, J. Greenwald (Hurlston 63rd), Deano, Nellies, Van Egmond, Mullett, West (Noylt 85th).

RICHMOND: Tanuda, E. Greenwald, Pandey, Gooch, Kupinic, Wernia, O'Connell (Greenwald 35th), G. Greenwald (sent off 10th), Kotaridis (Blitner 75th), Petras, Goullies.

The fate of this match probably was decided by a series of incidents in the 10th minute.

Firstly, Mike Kupinic was booked for deliberately handling a through ball. At the resultant free kick just outside the area, Garry Greenwald was booked for encroaching

within 10 yards and then sent off for dissent. From that time on Richmond always was battling to counter the deficiency.

Just before half-time, a bouncing ball in the area was handled by Pandey and West scored from the spot, despite Turuda getting a hand to the ball.

In the 76th minute, Nyholt and Van Egmond combined well and Turuda was forced to concede a corner from Nyholt's shot. The corner was flicked on at the near post by Mullett and Bakker nodded in at the far post.

With five minutes to go, Bakker scored his second and the best goal of the match. A cross from the right was headed out by Kupinic. The ball fell to Bakker 25 metres out and he volleyed fiercely into the corner of goal.

HUGHES WINS IT

HEIDELBERG-BUNDOORA 1 (Diakoumakos 68th) ELTHAM 2 (Hughes 60th, 85th) at Heidelberg, Saturday.

ELTHAM: Penas 7, Hadzio 7, M. Clarke 8, Schipano 7 (sent off 85th), Delany 8, Woodward 7, Curcio 7 (Briggs 85th), P. Clarke 8, Bannica 7, Norton 7 (Raynes 95th), Hughes.

HEIDELBERG-BUNDOORA: Jones 6, Phillips 7, O'Hanlon 7 sent off, Edwards 5, Pearson 6, McCulliken 7, Hodges 5, Georgiades 7, Love 7, Sterritt 6, Diakoumakos 8.

Two players were sent off and numerous others were shown the yellow card as the 'Berg and the Redbacks slugged out 90 minutes of non-stop action.

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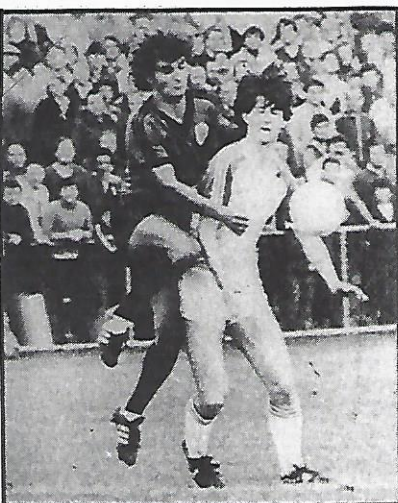
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Wilson: Kingpin of the Latin Eagles



Ken Wilson (right) clashes with Ljube Petrovski of Preston-Makedonia.

Melita Eagles sweeper Ken Wilson could be considered one of the few players who is a realist when it comes to the practical aspects of soccer.

"I think the bubble has burst as far as payments to players go," he said last week.

"In the past it's been more of a case of the players — the best players — saying: 'I want this, and I want that', and then standing back and waiting for the clubs to bid."

But he said the situation had changed drastically this year. "Now I'd say it's a case of the clubs saying: 'This is what we can offer... take it or leave it'."

"It applies to all players... even the top internationals."

"It's a sign of the times, with crowds down and clubs struggling to make ends meet," he said. Wilson, a 26-year-old Scot, spent most of his seven years in Australia with Sydney Olympic, leaving the club at the end of 1982 before joining St George for a brief stint.

Then he was snapped up by Melita's Raul Blanco and has been playing — in his opinion — some of the best football of his career.

"It's funny, but a lot of people have a lot of misconceptions about me," Wilson said.

"One of the most annoying is that I'm a utility player, something that I got stuck with under Tommy Docherty."

"And the other is that I'm 32 years old."

He said he was horrified to see in NSL literature this year that his birth date was listed as 1951.

"I was born in 1957, but I assume they misread the seven for a one."

"You wouldn't believe the ribbing I copped after that, with some stories listing 'The

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Golden Oldies' and including me in their lists!"

Wilson said he has few regrets about his career in Australian soccer.

"Perhaps the only thing I'd do differently if I had my time over probably is to stand up more to Tommy Docherty," Wilson said.

Wilson said he felt it was under Docherty's reign at Olympic in 1981 that his dramatic form slump started — a slump that he believes was arrested only this year.

"Under Docherty I was mysteriously labelled a utility player," Wilson said.

"It's something that annoyed me, because I really only felt comfortable playing at the centre of the defence."

"But under Docherty I suddenly found myself all over the place, from left back to right wing."

He said when Docherty arrived he felt there was an orchestrated plan by the coach to clear out players who he felt could be a threat to his way of

running things... especially the Scottish contingent.

"I held out longer than most, but his arrival was the death knell of my form for quite a while," Wilson said.

"I suppose that when my form started to suffer I should have stood up to him and pointed it out, but I just accepted it."

He said the chopping and changing of positions unsettled his confidence and when the results started to go badly he started to query his own skills.

"It was a pretty harrowing time, as you can imagine."

Wilson finally agreed with Olympic to leave on a free transfer and went to St George, at the start of last season.

"It was a very amicable departure from Olympic. I have nothing but fond feelings towards the officials of the club," he said.

"In fact I can thank some of the fans who helped me set up my business," he said.

Wilson has a ladies fashion boutique — Jackie Blue — in the northern Sydney suburb of Hornsby.

But his stint with St George was far from happy.

"I was thoroughly disappointed that I couldn't fit in at St George."

"It is such a marvellous club, with a marvellous coach and a fantastic set-up."

"But I was unlucky to strike St George when their back four was like a granite wall — no weaknesses and no chance of breaking into it."

He said he greatly respected both David Ratcliffe and Mike O'Shea who he considered two of the best defenders in the country.

"It might sound cruel, but I was hoping for an injury somewhere in the defence so I could force my way into the team."

"I got a few runs in the side in midfield and in the forward line — that utility label had stuck — but I just didn't settle."

Wilson said Frank Arok was a hard task master as a coach "but a fascinating coach as well."

"He's hard, but once you get into the rhythm of things you just seem to get swept along."

Wilson said Melita's early successes this year had not really surprised the players themselves.

"We were labelled as Reject United, but we were just determined to prove our worth," he said.

"Under Raul I noticed that a lot of players who couldn't seem to produce the goods elsewhere were starting to play with a lot of composure."

He said John Davies was a classic example, gradually increasing his workrate throughout the season to match his undoubted ability.

"I think Raul selected players who he felt could fit into his Latin style of game."

"I wouldn't say we play South American football, but there is more emphasis on skill and creativity at Melita than at a lot of other clubs," he said.

He said some of the players — such as Denis Duarte, Billy Griffiths and John Davies — also reacted differently under pressure.

"When they had to battle for a place in the side at St George they seemed to lose their edge."

"While I'm not saying they are now guaranteed of a place in the side all the time, they don't have that same pressure and they have a stability that allows them to use their skills all the time."

"At St George there was more pressure to do things and get results quickly."

Hatzipanagis honored

Vasili Hatzipanagis and Thomas Mavros have established themselves among the elite of world soccer.

Both played for a world team against New York Cosmos two weeks ago in an exhibition game.

It just goes to prove that the rest of the world finally is sitting up and taking notice of the potential in Greek soccer.

Hatzipanagis toured Australia recently and showed only glimpses of his class. Mavros is rated as one of the best strikers around. He's got tremendous technique.

The world team beat Cosmos 3-1. Mavros hit the post following a Hatzipanagis cross and was picked among the best players.

Big guns

If you thought that Iraklis was good, you'd flip if you saw Panathinaikos or Olympiakos, the best two teams in Greece.

They're preparing for the coming season right now. Panathinaikos has bought Zajec from Yugoslavia and Sarava-

KAT'S CORNER

with PETER KATHOLOS



kos, one of the best up-and-comers in Greece, from Panionios. Both will strengthen Panathinaikos's bid to defend its championship and Cup double.

Olympiakos, under new German coach Kessler, is determined to do well in Europe and also to try to win back the crown of the best club in Greece.

I'm really looking forward to seeing either Panathinaikos or Olympiakos playing in Australia next season, as planned.

Patalis

The other week when Olympic went to Melbourne to play Croatia, people were asking

whatever happened to a young, dark, right winger they used to see with Olympic.

They were talking about Terry Patalis.

He certainly has had a tough time this season, most of which has been spent in the youth team or on the bench for the seniors.

Heidelberg showed interest in signing Terry this year but he preferred to stay in Sydney.

He's a much more mature player than when he first burst on to the NSL scene and it won't be too long before he cracks it for a regular first team spot at Olympic.

Many good judges reckon that Terry has the potential to

become one of the finest wingers in Australia. They're right.

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Vasili Hatzipanagis (left) is greeted by Australia B assistant coach John Margaritis at the MCG.



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Η ΚΛΑΡΙΝΤΑ 2 ΤΟ ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ Ο

Μέσα στὸ γηπέδου τὸ Μάλβερν ἔχασε ἀπὸ τὴν πολὺ καλὴ Κλαρίντα καὶ πέρασε στὴν 10η θέση τοῦ βαθμολογικοῦ πίνακα τῆς Α' τοῦ Προβιζιοναλ μετὰ τὴν ἴσωση 1-1 ποὺ πῆρε τὸ Σέντραλ ἀπὸ τὴν Μπορὺ νια.

Ἡ νικήτρια πέτυχε καὶ τὰ δύο τετράτα της στὸ Α' μέρος μὲ τὸν πεπειραμένο Ἀντώνη Γκατζώνη.

Ἡ Κλαρίντα βρίσκεται στὴν 3η θέση καὶ ἱσοβαρῶς μὲ τὸ Γ.Μπράνσγουϊκ (25 Βαθμ.)

ΣΤΟ ΒΑΛΚΑΝΙΚΟ ΝΤΕΡΜΠΥ ΤΗΝ ΝΙΚΗ ΠΗΡΕ ΤΟ ΚΑΛΩΤΟΝ ΠΟΥ ΉΤΑΝ ΚΑΛΥΤΕΡΟ

Ἀνώτερο τὸ Κλίφτον Χίλ σὲ γενικὲς γραμμές καὶ ἀποτελεσματικὸ, πῆρε τὴν νίκη ἐντός ἑδρας ἀπὸ τὸν Πέλοπα 4-0 ὁ 6-πολιος πρὶν λίγο καιρὸς εἶχε νικήσει 2-1 τὸ Γιάρραβιλ.

Καὶ οἱ δύο ἑλληνικὲς διῶδες ἐπαιξαν μὲσα σὲ ἀθλητικὰ πλαίσια καὶ ἔδωσαν 6-τι καλύτερο μπορούσαν.

Τὸ Κλίφτον προηγήθηκε γρήγορα στὸ 4' μὲ τὸν Ἀνδριώτη ὁ ὁποῖος ἦταν καὶ τὸ πρόσωπο τῆς ἡμέρας ἀφού σημείωσε καὶ τὰ 4 γκολ τῆς συνάντησης.

Συνδυασμὸς Πετρόπουλου - Στρατάκη ἔφερε τὸν Ἀνδριώτη σὲ καλὴ θέση ποὺ ἔκανε τὸ 1-0.

Ὁ Πέλοπας στὴ συνέχεια προσπάθησε ἐχόντας καὶ τὸν ἄερα μὲ τὸ μέρος του ἐλὰ τὸ Κλίφτον ἔφτασε κοντὰ στὸ γκολ μὲ τοὺς Ἀνδριώτη καὶ Στρατάκη.

Στὸ Β' μέρος τὸ Κλίφτον πέρασε στὴν ἐπίθεση καὶ στὸ 55' Κοντρέρα - ἄσκος συ νεργάστηκαν καὶ σέντρα τοῦ τελευταίου ἔδωσε τὴν εὐκαιρία στὸν Ἀνδριώτη νὰ κάνει ἀπὸ κοντὰ τὸ 2-0.

Στὸ 61' ὁ πολὺ καλὸς ἀλλὰ ἀδύρβος Π. Στρατάκης ἔκανε σέντρα ἀπὸ ἀριστερὰ 6-που μὲ κεφαλὴ καὶ εὐκολὰ ὁ Ἀνδριώτης ἀνέβασε σὲ 3-0.

Τὸ σκόρ ἔκλεισε στὸ 78' πάλι μὲ τὸν σέντερ φόρ τοῦ Κλίφτον Ἀνδριώτη ποὺ μὲ νέα κεφαλὴ καὶ μετὰ σέντρα τοῦ Στρατάκη ἔκανε τὸ τελικὸ 4-0.

Ἀπὸ τὴν νικήτρια δὲν ὑστέρησε κανένας καὶ ὅλοι οἱ παίχτες ποὺ βρίσκονται σὲ βαρύνουσα ἀγωνιστικὴ κατάσταση πάλαιψαν γιὰ τὴν νίκη ἡ ὁποία τοὺς ἔφερε ἀκριβὰ



Ο Μανώλης Πουλακάκης με τὸν πρῶν παίκτη του Παναθηναϊκοῦ Λα Λίνκ σε παλαιότερη συνάντησή τους.

πιδ κοντὰ στὴν κορυφή. Ἦδη τῶρα ἱσοβαρῶς στὴν 4η θέση μὲ τὸ Μπράνσγουϊκ. Τοὺς βαθμούς ἀπὸ τὸν ρεφερέ πῆραν οἱ Πετρόπουλος 3, Κοντρέρα 2 καὶ Ἀνδριώτης 1.

Σίγουρα οἱ Ἀρμύδιοι τοῦ Πέλοπα δὲν θὰ πρέπει νὰ ἔχουν παράπονα οὔτε ἀπίστηση μεγάλῃ ἀπὸ τὸν τεχνικὸ Πάκη Μανταράκη.

Ἀπὸ τὴν ομάδα τους ποὺ ἔχει ἐνδοσυασ μὸ τοῦς λείπει πάνω ἀπ' ὅλα ὁ γκολτζίης, καὶ ποὺ ἀναγκαστικὰ ρίχνει στὸ κενὸ 6-λες τίς προσπάθειες τῶν ἄλλων.

Φιλότιμος ὁ Βαρβάρης καὶ πάντα καλὸς ὁ τερματοφύλακας Παναγιωτόπουλος.

Ἀρίστη ἡ διατήρησις τοῦ κ. RUDY SIMONIS δὲν ἄφησε κανένα παραπονεμένο.

Νικητὲς καὶ ἡττημένοι τοῦ ἔδωσαν τὸ χέρι. Μπράβο τοῦ Βαθμὸ 9.

Ἀξίζει δὲ συγχαρητήρια τὸ VSF ποὺ σὲ τέτοια παιγνίδια στέλνει πεπειραμένους διαιτητές.

Μὲ τὸ Κλίφτον ἐπαιξαν οἱ Κόργιος, Γκέλης, Βλαχάκης (75' Μυστηριώτης) Καρβέλιας, Λορέντζι, Πετρόπουλος, Κοντρέρα, Μπελεγιρίνο, ἄσκος (70' Ὁτοβλ) Ἀνδριώτης, Στρατάκης.

Πέλοπας: Παναγιωτόπουλος, Απιδόπουλος, Μπαμπέρογλου, Α. Παλ. Τίνης, Βαρβάρης, Αμανατίδης, Μαμάσης, Τήρ, Κουκουναράς, Μπαμπέρογλου, Παλατίνης (Κατσιγιάννης).

Ἡ Β' ομάδα τοῦ Κλίφτον νίκησαν 4-1.

ΜΗ ΤΟ ΠΕΡΑΣΕΤΕ ΤΟ ΘΕΜΑ ΣΤΟ "ΝΤΟΥΚΟ"

Τὸ γνωστὸ θέμα μὲ τὴν Χακὰ ποὺ ἔρριξε

πολὺ χαμηλὰ τὴν ἱστορία τῆς Ἑλλάδας καὶ τοὺς φιλάθλους τῆς δὲν θὰ πρέπει νὰ ξεχαστεῖ.

Ἡ ἐπίσημη Ἑλλάς εἶναι ὑποχρεωμένη νὰ κάνει τίς κατάλληλες ἐνέργειες πρὸς 6-λες τίς κατεχόμενες ἐστὶ ὥστε ἡ λάσπη ποὺ πῆγε νὰ μᾶς πετάξει ἡ Χακὰ νὰ τὴν πάρει στὸ δικὴ της πρόσωπο.

ΤΙ ΓΙΝΕΤΑΙ ΜΕ ΤΑ "CHALLENGE";

Ἀλθίθεια τί γίνεται μὲ αὐτὰ τὰ περιβόητα "Τοῦ Ἀλβαντῆς Γκαίμης";

Τὸ κακὸ παράγινε καὶ θύματα εἶναι οἱ ὄλλοι ποὺ μετακινούνται γιὰ νὰ δῶ-σουν τὰ μάτς ποὺ τοὺς ὀρίζουν χωρὶς κα νένα ἀπολύτως ὀφελος.

Γιὰ παράδειγμα ἀναφέρουμε τὸ Σίδνευ Ὀλυμπικὸ τὸ ὁποῖο ἔφυγε ἀπὸ τὴν Μελβούρνη μετὰ τὸ μάτς μὲ τὴν Κροατία ποὺ τὸ εἶδαν καὶ δὲν τὸ εἶδαν 2000 φιλάθλοι, μὲ 523 δολλάρια κέρδος.

Δὲν εἶχε ἀδίκιο λοιπὸν ὁ πάντα φιλότιμος πρόεδρος τοῦ ἑλληνικοῦ συλλόγου τοῦ Σίδνευ κ. Τζέμης Πετινέλης ποὺ μὸς εἶπε: "Δὲν ἔχω κατωλάβει ἀκριβὰ τὸ νόημα αὐτῶν τῶν ἀγώνων. Εἶναι τρομερὸ νὰ ἔρχεται μὴν διῶδες, ὅπως ἐμεῖς ἀπὸ τὸ Σίδνευ καὶ νὰ φεύγουμε μὲ 500 δολλάρια. Καὶ νὰ σκεφθεῖ κανεὶς ὅτι θέλουμε 3000 δολλάρια γιὰ τοὺς μισθοὺς τῶν παικτῶν"

ΠΟΥ ΠΗΓΑΙΝΕΙ Ο ΚΟΣΜΟΣ;

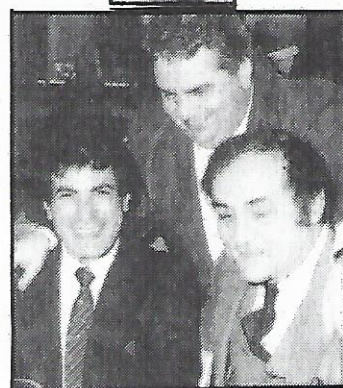
Στὸν ἀγῶνα μὲ τὴν Γιουβέντους Ἀδελαΐδας στὸ γηπέδο τοῦ Χάιντελμπεργκ οἱ φιλάθλοι δὲν ξεπέρασαν τοὺς 1500 καὶ τὰ εἰσιτήρια ποὺ πῆσαν ἦσαν μόνο 1000. Κάτι τέτοιο γίνεται τελευταία καὶ στὸ Μίντλ Πάρκ.

Ἔτσι οἱ ὑπεύθυνοι ἀπὸ τὰ δύο μεγάλα μαρματεία ρωτᾶνε ποὺ πᾶει ὁ κόσμος καὶ γιατί χάνεται τὸ ἐνδιαφέρον του.

Ἡ ἀπάντησις εἶναι ἀπλή: Ἰὸν γιατί οἱ φιλάθλοι δὲν ξέρουν τί τοὺς γίνεται μὲ τὸ φετινὸ πρωτάθλημα καὶ 2ον καὶ πιδ σπουδαίον: Ὅσο οἱ δύο ομάδες μας θὰ ἀγωνοῦν τὰ ἑλληνόπουλα καὶ θὰ χρησιμοποιοῦν ἀγγλοσκανδαλέζους, τόσο θὰ βυθίζονται οἰκονομικῶς.

ΜΠΡΑΒΟ ΣΑΛΑΜΙΑΣΤΙΑ

Ἡ Ἑλλάς Ἀδελαΐδας νίκησε τὴν Ἑλλάς Μελβούρνης 3-1.



Στὴ Μελβούρνη βρέθηκε τὴν περασμένη βδομάδα ὁ γνωστὸς ἡθοποιὸς τηλεοπτικοῦ Χάρης Μιχαήλ καὶ δὲν παρέλειψε νὰ κάνει μια κοσμικὴ ἐξοδὸ πρὸς τὸν ΔΙΟΓΕΝΗ, ἀπ' ὅπου καὶ ἡ φωτογραφία μας ὅπου ὁ Χάρης διακρίνεται μαζί με τὸν πρόεδρο τῆς ἑλλας Λεωνίδα Ἀνεστάκη καὶ (ὄρθιο) τὸν πρόεδρο τοῦ Ὀλυμπικ Τὶμ Πετινέλη. Ὅπως εἶναι γνωστὸ ὁ Χάρης Μιχαήλ εἶναι σπόνσορ τοῦ Ὀλυμπικ

Ὁ ἑλληνας προπονητὴς Σάμ Σαλαμπασιδὲς καὶ τὰ μπόλκα ἑλληνόπουλα ποὺ ἔχει κοντά του (Παπαδόπουλου, Παναγιῆ, Παπαδόπουλο, Μαλαβάζο, Σαματελδουλο, Κωνσταντόπουλο, Μουσουλὴ καὶ ἄλλους) ἔδωσαν ἕνα μάθημα ἄρκετὰ καλὸ στὸν Μακέντρυ καὶ τὴν παρὰ τοῦ διεθνῆ Μπράουν.

Τὸ 3-1 τὰ λέει ὅλα καὶ δικαιολογίες 6-ποιες καὶ νὰ εἶναι δὲν χωράνε.

Ἀρκετὰ πλεον μᾶς δουλεύουν οἱ ἀκριβοπληρωμένοι σκανδαλέζοι καὶ καὶ καὶρὸς εἶναι νὰ φορέσουν τὴν φανέλλα τῆς Ἑλλάδας καὶ μερικὴ ἑλληνόπουλα ποὺ σίγουρα θὰ τὴν ἱδρώσουν καὶ θὰ τὴν τιμᾶνε καὶ δὲν θὰ τὴν βλέπουν πάνω ἀπ' ὅλα γιὰ δολλάριο.

ΣΤΑΣΟΣ - ΠΟΥΛΑΚΑΚΗΣ ΣΤΗΝ ΚΟΡΙΝΘΟ

Ὁ Κώστας Στάκος καὶ ὁ "δικός" μας Μανώλης Πουλακάκης θὰ εἶναι τὰ νέα ἀφεντεῖ καὶ φέτος στὴν Κορίνθο.

Ὁ πρῶτος θὰ εἶναι μάνατζερ καὶ ὁ πεπειραμένος καὶ συμπαθὴς Μανώλης ὁ προπονητὴς ὁ ὁποῖος ἤδη ἀρχισε τίς προπονήσεις μὲ τὴν νέα του ομάδα.

JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

ILUSTROVANA JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

— U SLICI I REČI —

Jedno kratko vreme (do 19. avgusta ove godine), dok se pisac ovih redova ne vrati sa godišnjeg odmora, ova rubrika će imati više slika nego teksta. Razume se, ako bilo ko želi da objavi kratak opis nekog sportskog događaja iz jugoslovenske sportske zajednice može da ga pošalje na adresu "Soccer Actiona" (naglasiti da je za Jugoslovensku scenu). Izveštaji moraju biti iskucani na pisaćoj mašini. Isto važi za slike, koje treba slati sa propratnim tekstom.

Slike koje objavljujemo u ovoj rubrici snimili su Stojan Mitić, Milan Ninović i Slavko Drlić.



BRANI BOLJE NEGOM IKAD

Jimmy Milisavljević je pre 10 godina bio reprezentativni golman Australije na Svetskom prvenstvu u Zapadnoj Nemačkoj. Sa uspehom je čuvao "plavu" mrežu, a sada je stub odbrane i kapiten Ringwood Utd./Srbije.



RASTURENI ŠAMPIONI

JUST-ov tim ispod 16 godina osvojio prvenstvo 1983 godine, ali morao je da se rasturi zbog kratkovidosti u administraciji, koja ne priznaje juniore iznad 16 godina. Ne priznaju ih ni stariji, pa su zbog toga morali da se rasture. Nekoliko njih igraju za mladi tim JUST-a, ostali za Carlton/Mladost i Central City/C.zvezdu

VETERANI SE NE PREDAJU!

Steve Zakomarok sa Palinkašom na "Plavoj večeri" u hotelu Metropol. Daleke 1951. godine Steve je igrao za reprezentaciju Australije protiv Engleske na MCG i sa JUST-om osvajao svemoguće sportske trofeje. Trideset godina kasnije, u sedmoj deceniji života, Steve Rock pomže fudbal na drugi način. Savetuje mlade igrače i prodaje lutriju na JUST-ovim zabavama.



NATIONAL LEAGUE SOCCER AT ITS BEST THIS SUNDAY AUG 11



AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE



*Ean Rodriguez
Sydney City*

CANBERRA ARROWS

V

SYDNEY CITY

Bruce Stadium 3 pm

Previous NSL Results

Canberra 3 wins

Sydney City 10 wins 1 draw

LEICHHARDT

V

MARCONI

Henson Park 3 pm

Previous NSL results

Leichhardt 7 wins

Marconi 2 wins 3 draws



*David Lowe
Marconi*



*Clint Gosling
Newcastle*

MELITA EAGLES

V

NEWCASTLE

Melita Stadium 3 pm

No Previous NSL result

PENRITH CITY

V

SYDNEY OLYMPIA

Cook Park 3 pm

Previous NSL results

Sydney Olympic 1 win



*Peter Katholos
Sydney Olympic*



*Chris Dunleavy
Blacktown*

ST GEORGE

V

BLACKTOWN CITY

St George Stadium 3 pm

Previous NSL results

St George 2 wins

Blacktown City 2 wins

SYDNEY CROATIA

V

WOLLONGONG CITY

King Tomislav Park 3 pm

Previous NSL results

Sydney Croatia 2 wins

Wollongong 1 win



*Ken Boden
Croatia*

NATIONAL CONFERENCE



*Bill Stefanopoulos
West Adelaide*

ADELAIDE CITY

V

WEST ADELAIDE

Olympic Sports Field 2.30 pm

Adelaide City 11 wins

West Adelaide 3 wins 3 draws

BRISBANE CITY

V

BRISBANE LIONS

Spencer Park 3 pm

Previous NSL results

Brisbane City 5 wins

Brisbane Lions 8 wins 2 draws



*Steve Perry
Brisbane City*



*Dave Hogben
Green Gully*

GREEN GULLY

V

FOOTSCRAY

Gully Reserve 3 pm

Previous NSL results

Green Gully 1 win

Footscray 1 win

MELBOURNE CROATIA

V

HEIDELBERG

Olympic Park No. 1, 3 pm

Previous NSL results

Heidelberg 1 win



*Robert Markovic
Melbourne Croatia*



*Jeff Faulkner
George Cross*

PRESTON

V

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

Connor Reserve 3 pm

Previous NSL results

Preston 1 win

SOUTH MELBOURNE

V

JUVENTUS

Middle Park 3 pm

Previous NSL Results

Juventus 1 win



*Angie Postecoglou
S. Melbourne*